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THE VISA FUNCTION

One of the important functions of the Foreign Service of the United States is the administration abroad of our immigration laws. Congress first charged consular officers with the responsibility of issuing visas to certain aliens in the Act of July 5, 1884. In 1917, a general requirement that all aliens seeking to enter the United States obtain visas was instituted and has been continued since that time under successive immigration laws. With certain exceptions, therefore, aliens desiring to come to the United States are required to obtain appropriate visas from U.S. consular officers stationed at some 215 Foreign Service posts throughout the world.

Although consular officers are directly responsible under the law for the issuance or refusal of visas, the Department of State is charged with the general administration of the functions vested in the Foreign Service by the immigration laws. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Department's Visa Office in the Bureau of Consular Affairs prepares regulations that are published in the *Federal Register*; instructs consular officers regarding interpretations of law; establishes standardized procedures; provides on-the-spot guidance through regional conferences, workshops, and field trips; and furnishes advisory opinions concerning all phases of visa work. A review procedure is set in motion by consular requests for the Department's advice on material points of law, or when the Department requests a report from a consular post with a view to determining whether the action taken or proposed in a specific case is in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law. Although the vast majority of visas are issued at overseas posts, a few categories of nonimmigrant visas may be issued or renewed by the Diplomatic Liaison Division of the Visa Office and by the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

For many people in foreign lands, the call at the American consular office is the first personal contact with the United States. A courteous reception by an American official and fair and reasonable attention to the application for a visa serve to create an atmosphere of good will and help to promote our foreign relations.

In recent years successive Presidents have stressed the importance of facilitating international travel. The procedures for the issuance of visas to persons wishing to visit the United States have been kept as simple as possible; every effort is made to expedite the necessary action; and, in many cases, the personal appearance of the applicant is not required. Before a visa is issued, an applicant's written application is reviewed or the applicant is interviewed by a consular officer to determine eligibility for a visa appropriate to the purpose of the planned journey to the United States. If necessary, documentary evidence is requested to establish that the applicant intends to return to a residence abroad, does not come within any of the excludable classes, and has adequate financial resources for the proposed journey. To further facilitate the travel of nonimmigrants, visas are issued incorporating the most liberal provisions possible with respect to validity period and fees on the basis of reciprocity, that is, the treatment accorded by the applicant's country to U.S. citizens. Necessary clearance procedures are handled as expeditiously as possible. There is moreover a pilot program under which citizens of several countries are permitted to visit the United States for up to 90 days without needing to obtain a visitor visa in advance of travel.

Applicants who are entitled to one of the immigrant classifications and who are chargeable to an oversubscribed foreign state or category are registered on waiting lists, in the order in which they have qualified, to establish a priority for consideration when visa numbers become available. The priority date for preference applicants is ordinarily that on which the petition to establish a preference was filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The National Visa Center, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is designed to relieve Foreign Service posts of a substantial amount of the clerical workload required to process immigrant visa applications. Immigrant visa petitions are sent directly from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the Center for initial screening, record-keeping, and instructions to the visa applicant before being forwarded to overseas posts for further processing and visa issuance. If an applicant's priority date does not allow immediate visa availability, the petition is stored at the Center until the case priority date permits visa processing to begin.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service primarily, the Public Health Service and the Department of Labor, and other agencies to a lesser extent, share in the administration of the immigration laws. The jurisdictions of those agencies are complementary in most respects, and close liaison is maintained between and among them and the Department of State to insure a uniform interpretation of the law and to coordinate practices. Officers of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are stationed at a number of Foreign Service posts abroad to carry out more effectively certain functions that come within the Service's area of responsibility.

In preparation for their visa duties abroad, consular officers take a visa services course at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute as part of their basic Foreign Service training. Advanced consular training for experienced officers is also offered. A correspondence course in visa work is available for officers and clerical personnel assigned to overseas posts.

Top Ten Immigrant And Nonimmigrant Visa Issuing Posts Fiscal Year 1997

Immigrant [1]		Nonimmigrant	
Ciudad Juarez	56,245	Seoul	588,562
Manila	37,260	Taipei [2]	325,924
Guangzhou	22,378	Sao Paulo	303,789
Santo Domingo	21,380	Mexico	218,058
Bangkok/Orderly Departure Program	15,372	Hong Kong	177,598
Mumbai (Bombay)	13,240	Rio de Janeiro	177,495
Kingston	12,191	Bogota	171,203
Warsaw	10,691	Monterrey	128,525
Port-au-Prince	10,125	Beijing	119,453
Islamabad	9,858	Manila	116,467

[1] Replaced visas are not included in the immigrant figures.

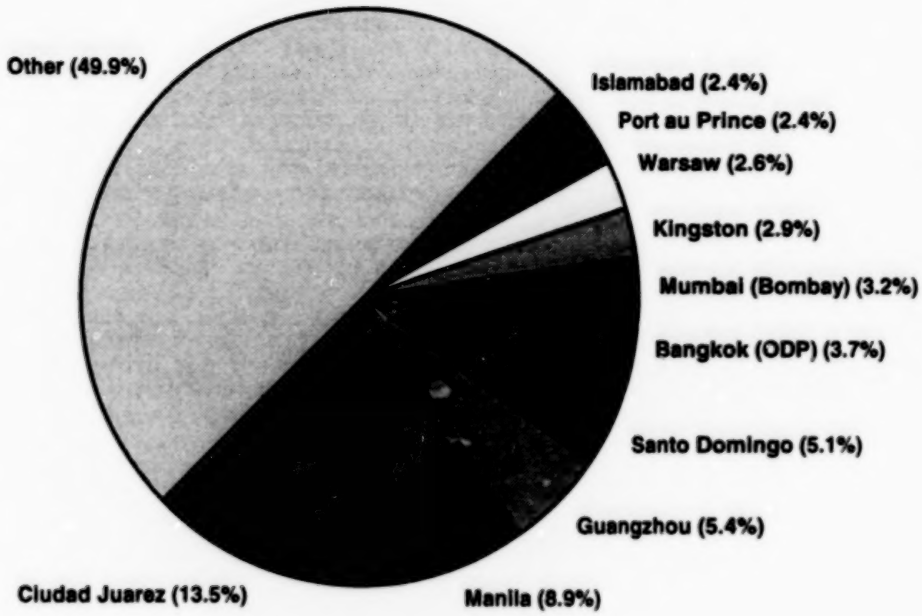
[2] The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued Top Ten Countries Fiscal Year 1997

Immigrant [1]		Nonimmigrant	
Mexico	56,202	South Korea	619,011
Philippines	38,257	Brazil	575,041
India	28,104	Mexico	548,716
China (mainland born)	27,443	China (Taiwan)	344,901
Dominican Republic	21,381	China (mainland)	250,503
Vietnam	16,317	India	249,715
Jamaica	12,374	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	243,921
Haiti	10,211	Colombia	176,438
Pakistan	9,900	Philippines	145,043
El Salvador	9,377	Israel	129,580

[1] Does not include replaced visas.

Immigrant Visa Issuances
at Top Posts
Fiscal Year 1997



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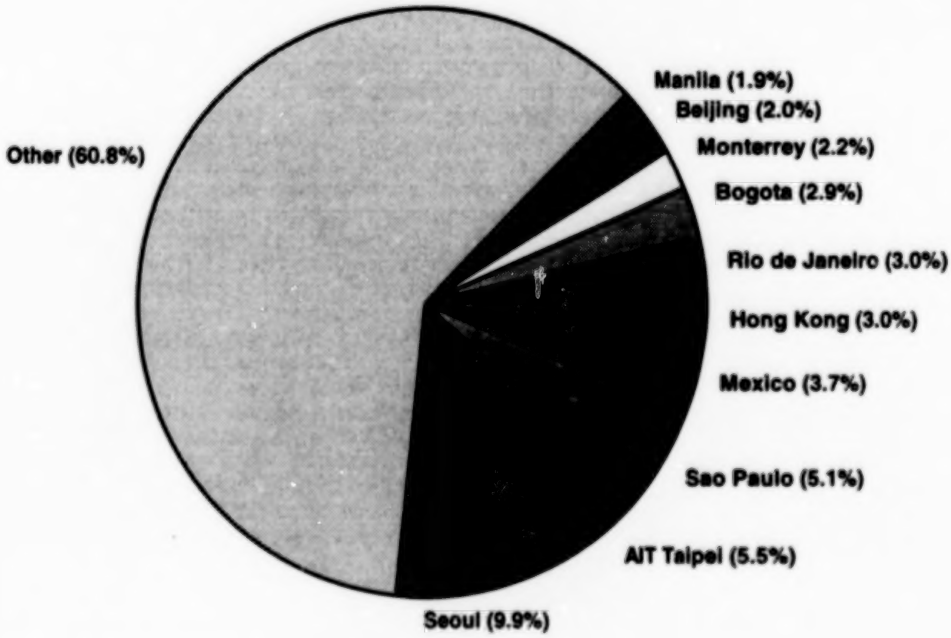

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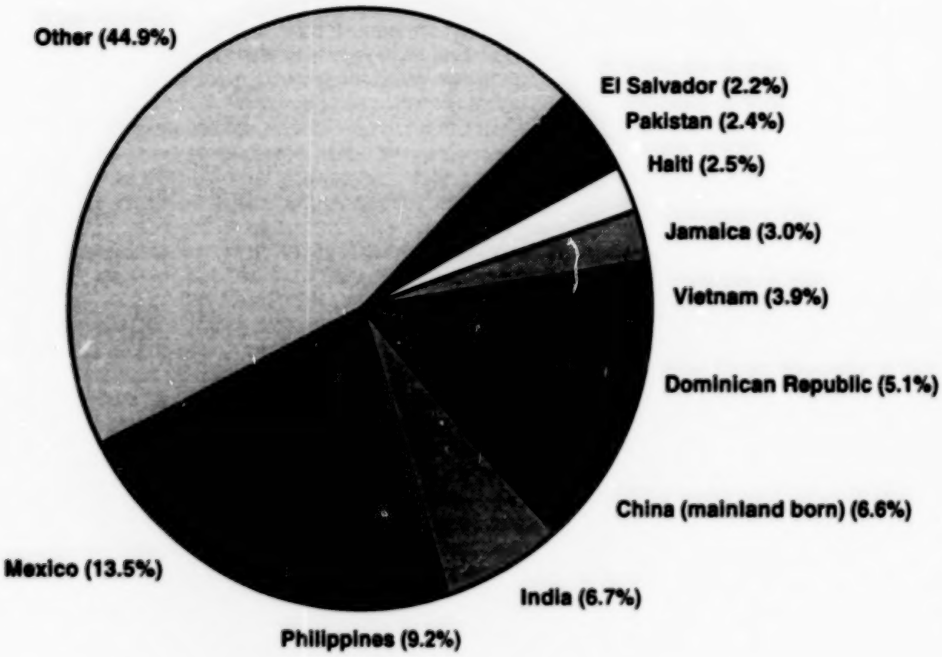

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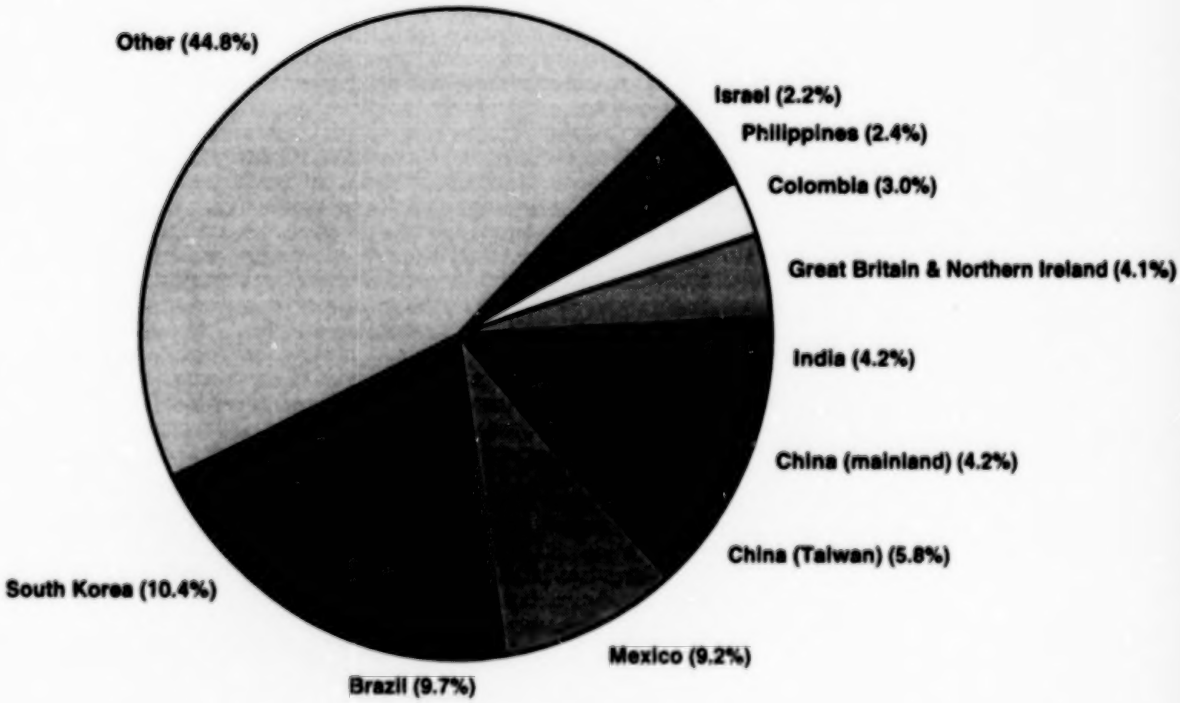
Fiscal Year 1997



SUMMARY

This *Report of the Visa Office* is a compilation of statistical data for Fiscal Year 1997 (October 1, 1996 – September 30, 1997).

The *Report* includes information on all visa issuances by consular offices and on the use of visa numbers in the numerically limited categories. The sources of information for the data are workload reports from visa-issuing offices abroad and immigrant visa number allocation records maintained at the Visa Office.

The *Report* does not contain information on refugees or on persons granted adjustment to permanent resident status by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), **except** to the extent that such adjustments of status in the numerically limited categories are reflected in the tables of immigrant number use.

RECENT IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

Grounds for Refusal Under the Terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–208) amended and renumbered the grounds for immigrant and nonimmigrant visa refusal under Section 212(a), and added Section 222(g), of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Table XX of this report follows the format of Section 212(a) as amended and reflects the addition of Section 222(g).

IMMIGRANT VISA CATEGORIES AND NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS

See Appendix A–1 for an outline of the categories of immigrants and the numerical limits established under the terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and Appendix A–2 for specifics of the numerical limits for Fiscal Year 1997.

Numerical Limitations

During Fiscal Year 1997, 226,000 family-sponsored and 140,000 employment-based preference visas were available, for a worldwide family and employment preference limit of 366,000.

Employment-based preference visas were available to most applicants without a waiting period. Exceptions were applicants chargeable to a few oversubscribed countries for whom heavy visa demand in excess of the per-country annual limit set by law resulted in a visa availability cut-off date, and all applicants in the "Other (i.e., Unskilled) Worker" subgroup within Employment Third preference. All family-sponsored preference categories were oversubscribed.

The per-country limit on **preference** immigrants is set by the Immigration and Nationality Act at 7% of the worldwide family and employment preference limits. For Fiscal Year 1997, the per-country limit came to 25,620. The dependent area limit came to 7,320, 2% of the worldwide family and employment preference limits.

When demand for preference immigrant numbers exceeds the annual limitation set by law for a country, that country is considered oversubscribed. All oversubscribed chargeabilities are subject to the provisions of Section 202(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which makes immigrant numbers within the per-country limitation available to each preference category in proportion to its worldwide numerical limitation. (See Appendix A–1, Section II.B. for breakdown.) The following chargeabilities were oversubscribed during Fiscal Year 1997: INDIA, MEXICO, and PHILIPPINES.

Diversity Immigrant (DV) Category

Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act makes available 55,000 immigrant visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Applicants for these visas are selected by means of an annual lottery. Congress established this category to provide more visas for Europe (the traditional source of immigration) and Africa (long underrepresented in total immigration) without restricting immigration from Asia and Latin America, from which about 80 percent of legal immigrants have come in recent years. The program also offers a chance to immigrants who do not already have close family members or employers in the United States and who thus cannot qualify for visas in other categories.

Not more than 3,850 DV visas (7% of the 55,000 visa limit) may be provided to immigrants from any one country. Under a complex formula in the law based upon statistical data concerning immigration over a 5-year period, the visas are apportioned among six geographic regions. The allotment of Fiscal Year 1997 visa numbers for each region was: Africa, 20,623; Asia, 7,187; Europe, 23,910; North America (Bahamas), 8; South America, Central America, and the Caribbean, 2,455; and Oceania, 817.

Natives of all countries except those defined as "high admission" countries are eligible to participate in the DV program. For Fiscal Year 1997, the "high admission" countries were: Canada, China – mainland and Taiwan, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, India, Jamaica, South Korea, Mexico, Philippines, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland), and Vietnam, and their dependent territories. Natives of Northern Ireland and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region were eligible to apply.

Applicants registered for the Fiscal Year 1997 DV program were selected from the approximately 6.5 million qualified entries received during the 1-month application period which ran from midnight February 12 through midnight March 12, 1996. The Department of State picked at random by computer and assigned rank order numbers to approximately 100,000 applicants. That figure anticipated that many of the registrants would not pursue their cases or might be ineligible to receive visas, and was intended to insure that all 55,000 Fiscal Year 1997 visa numbers would be used.

Entitlement to status for DV applicants registered for Fiscal Year 1997 expired at the end of the fiscal year, i.e., as of September 30, 1997. All of the visa numbers available for this category in Fiscal Year 1997 were issued.

Section 637 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (P.L. 104–208) authorized the adjustment of status during Fiscal Year 1997 of Diversity Immigrant applicants whose applications for permanent residence under the Fiscal Year 1995 Diversity Visa program were not approved because immigrant visa numbers had become unavailable before the close of that fiscal year.

Immigrant Visas Issued At Foreign Service Posts
By Geographic Areas
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Region Of Birth Or Chargeability	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe	67,774	77,211	47,288	49,971	50,059
Asia	188,465	154,564	161,684	174,359	173,614
Africa	11,571	11,266	28,514	30,002	30,514
North America	229,437	223,170	137,794	136,151	132,622
South America	40,154	35,117	28,975	30,309	27,509
Oceania	2,138	2,216	2,780	2,648	2,601
Total	**539,539**	**503,544**	**407,035**	**423,440**	**416,919**

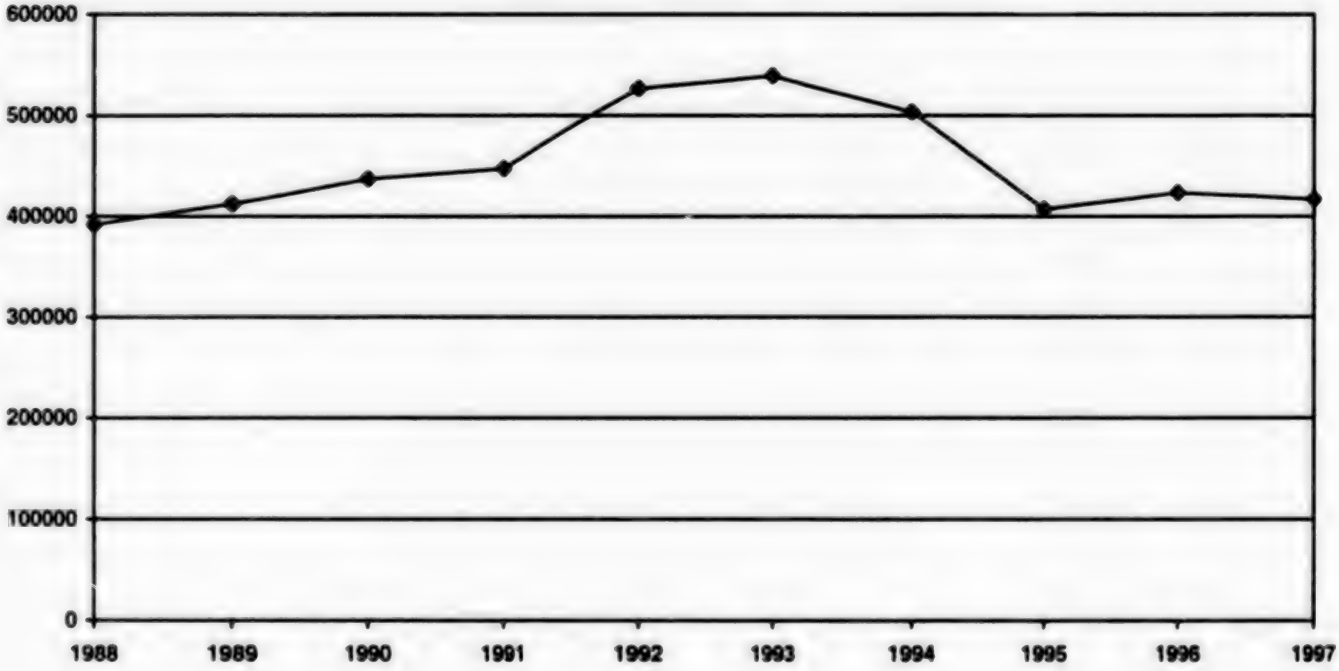
Note: The above figures do not include replaced visas. Issuances to persons chargeable to dependent areas are included in the figure for the region of the governing country.

IMMIGRANT VISAS

Immigrant Visa Workload

The total number of immigrant visas (including replaced visas) issued at offices abroad in Fiscal Year 1997 was 418,889. This figure is a 7,041 (1.7%) decrease from the immigrant visa issuances for Fiscal Year 1996. Immediate Relative issuances were up 20.9 percent, Family-Sponsored Preference issuances decreased 17.8 percent, and Employment-Based Preference issuances were down 8.2 percent from the prior year. The net decrease in immigrant visa issuances during Fiscal Year 1997 is attributable to the lower numerical limits in the Family-Sponsored Preference categories, which resulted in fewer issuances (particularly in the Family Second preference); this decline more than offset the increase in Immediate Relative issuances.

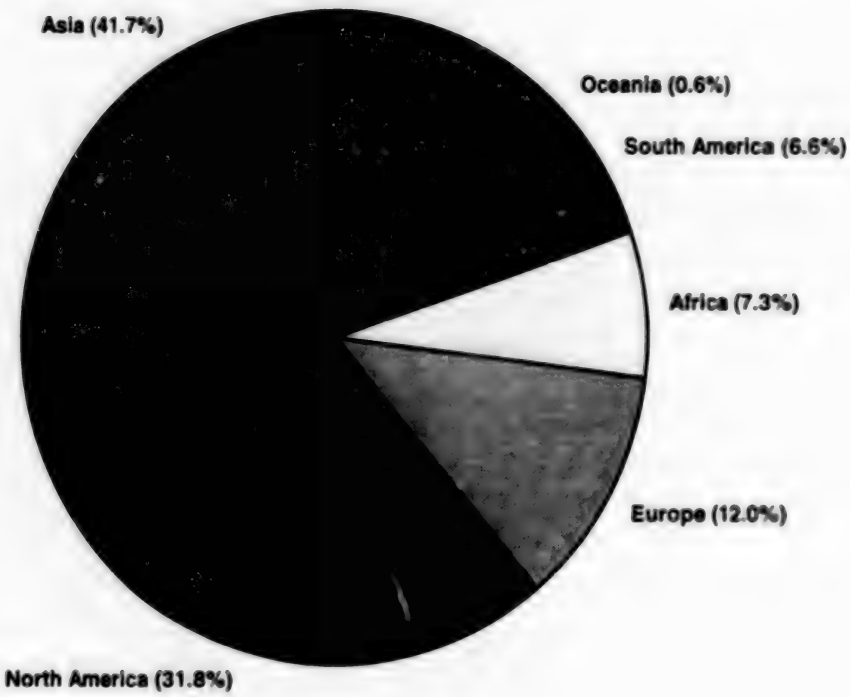
Immigrant Visas Issued
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997



On a regional basis the following variations are noted: Europe up 88 (+0.2%), Asia down 745 (–0.4%), Africa up 512 (+1.7%), North America down 3,529 (–2.6%), South America down 2,800 (–9.2%), and Oceania down 47 (–1.8%).

Immigrants from Asia represented 41.7% of the total visa issuances, with North America following with 31.8%.

Immigrant Visa Issuances
by Applicants' Area of Birth/Chargeability
Regional Breakdown
Fiscal Year 1997



Classes of Immigrants

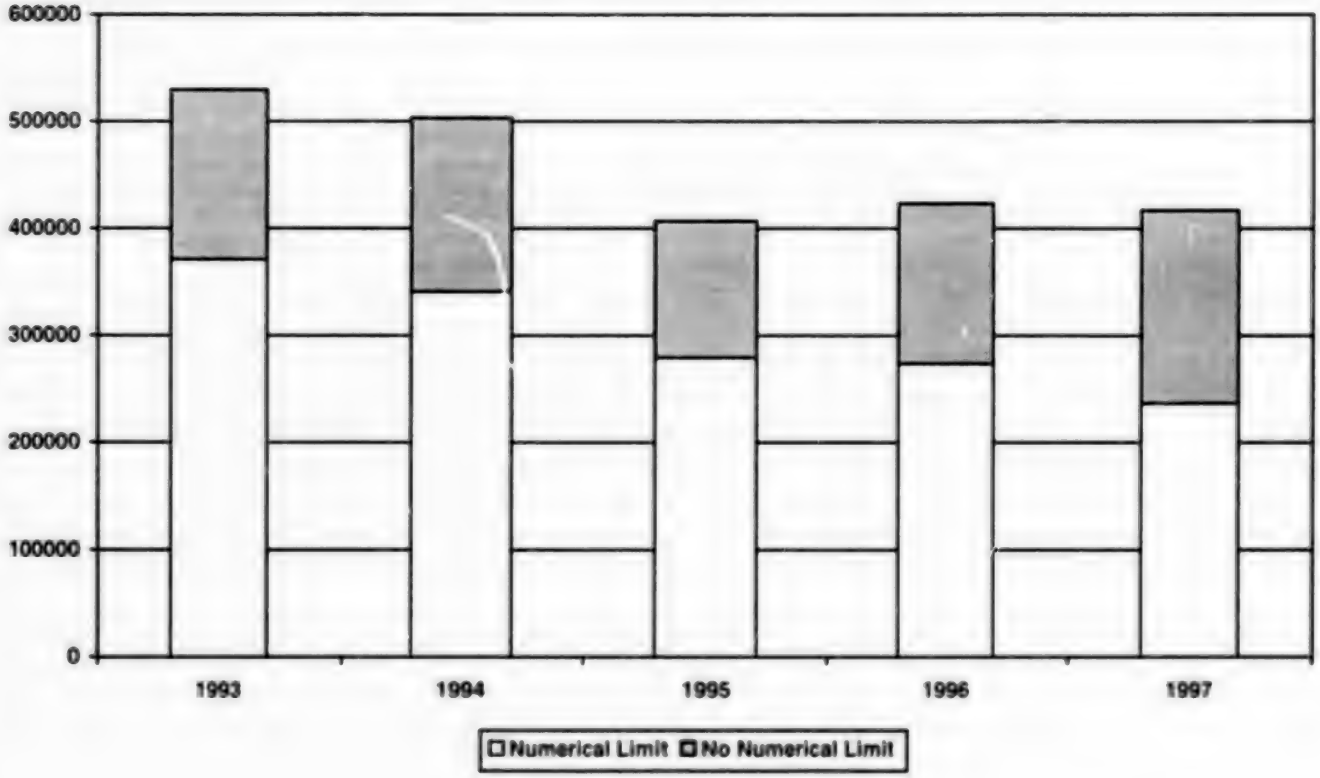
Immigrants may be divided into two broad categories: Those who are in classes subject to numerical limitations, and those in classes for which there are no numerical restrictions.

Classes Not Subject to Limitations

The classes not subject to numerical limitations include: "Immediate Relatives" of U.S. citizens, defined as spouse, child, orphan adopted or to be adopted, parent (if the citizen is at least 21 years of age), and certain widow(er)s and their children, and some "Special Immigrants," primarily returning resident aliens. The Vietnam Amerasian immigrant category also falls in this group.

The majority of nonlimited visas are issued to immediate relatives. During Fiscal Year 1997, the total of immediate relative visas issued at overseas posts was 178,774, an increase of 30,891 (+20.9%) from the Fiscal Year 1996 figure. The increase is largely attributable to the automatic conversion of petitions for the spouses and children of permanent residents (the Family Second "2A" preference) into the "Immediate Relative" visa category upon the naturalization of the petitioners.

Immigrant Visas Issued
At Offices Abroad
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997



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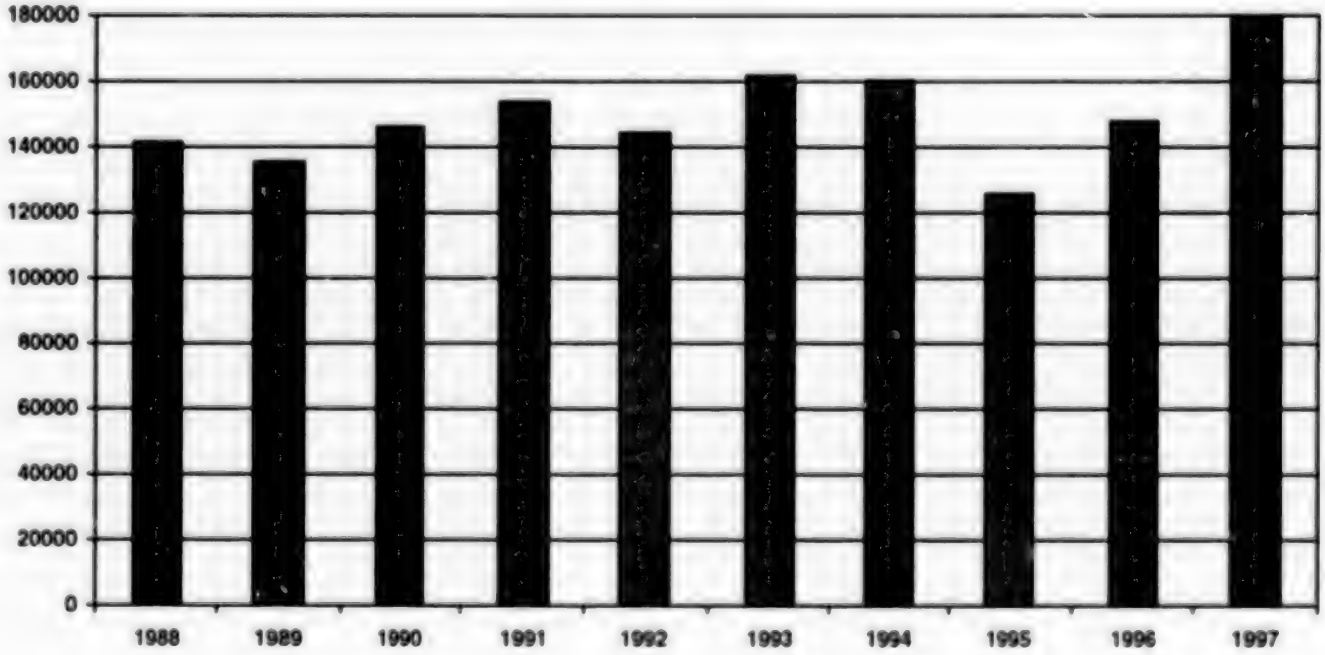
Fiscal Years 1988 - 1997

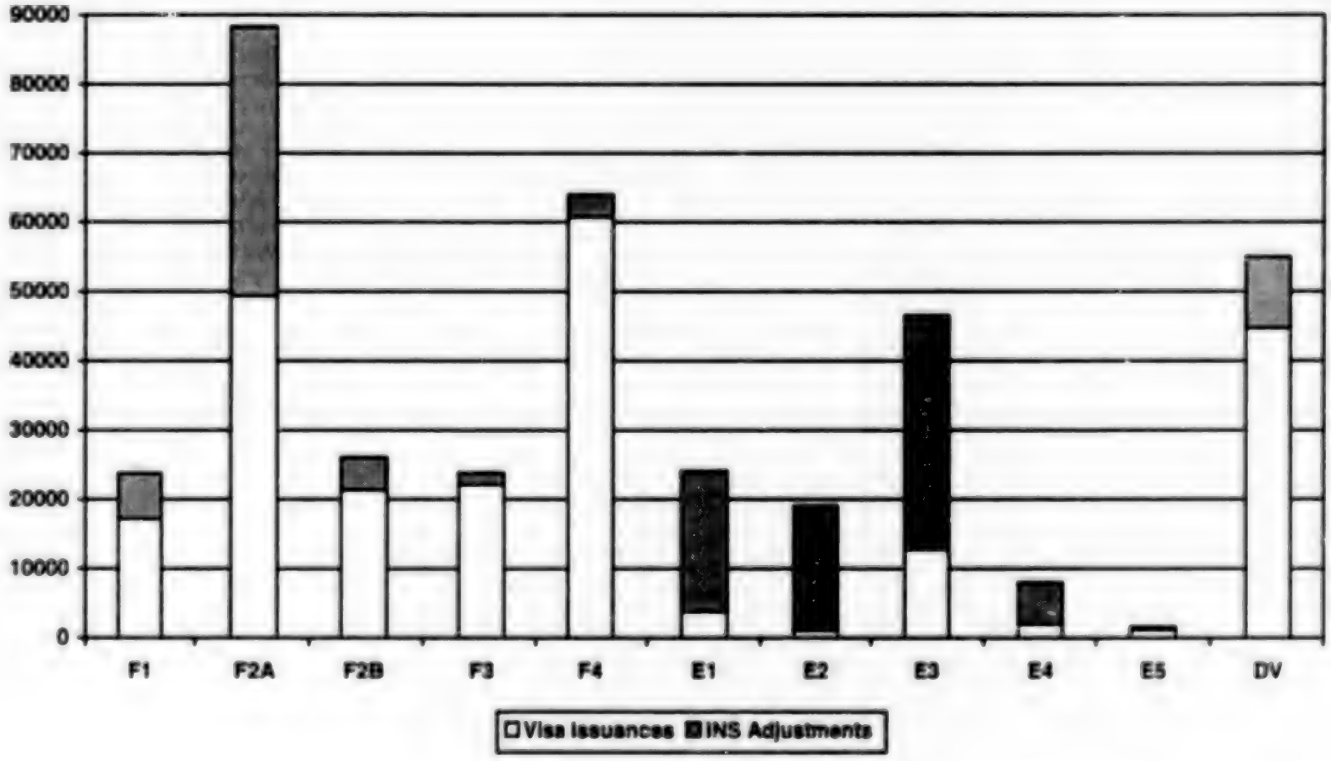


Numerically Limited Classes

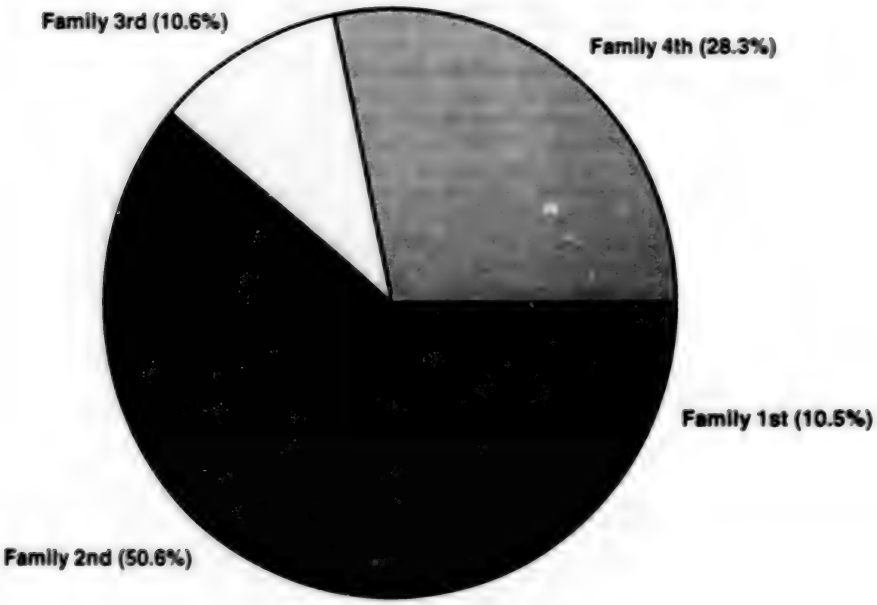
Most immigrant visas are issued to persons in the classes subject to numerical limitation. A description of these classes and numerical limits can be found in Appendix A–1, Section II.

For Fiscal Year 1997, visas provided at posts abroad represented 75% of the issuances in the Family preferences, 21% of the Employment preference number use, and 81% of the Diversity Immigrant category issuances. The balance were applicants for adjustment of status at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the United States. The percentages of visas in these classes provided at posts abroad increased from Fiscal Year 1996, when such visas represented 67% of the Family preference issuances, 19% of the Employment preference number use, and 80% of the Diversity Immigrant issuances.

Immigrant Visa Number Use
By Category
Fiscal Year 1997



Immigrant Visa Number Use in the
Family-Sponsored Preference Classes
226,000 Worldwide Limitation
Fiscal Year 1997



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140,000 Worldwide Limitation
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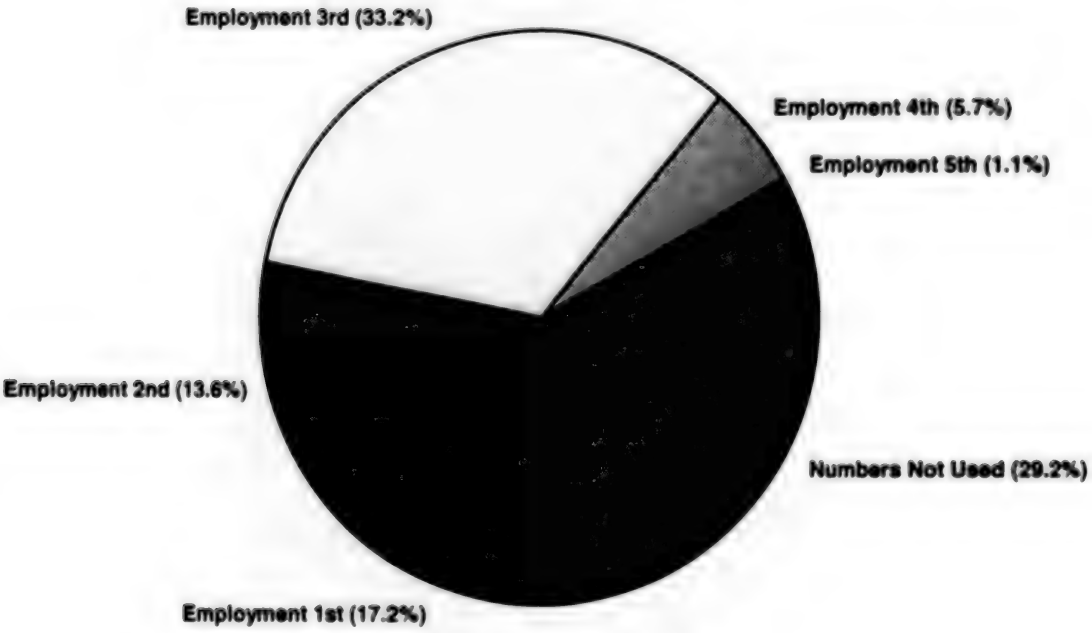


Immigrant Visa Applicants Registered at Offices Abroad

In January of most years all immigrant visa issuing offices abroad submit a report of registrants in the numerically limited classes. Total active registrants as of January 1997 were 3,622,897, a decrease of 69,609 (–1.9%) from the 3,692,506 registrations reported in January 1995. Since the 1995 count, the family-sponsored preference total decreased by 16,556 (–0.5%), with the reduction concentrated in the 2A (spouses and children of permanent residents) and fourth preferences. The employment-based preferences as a group decreased by 53,053 (–38.6%), due to a very substantial drop in "Other (i.e., Unskilled) Worker" cases.

Appendix C of this report contains a breakdown of registered demand by category and area of birth as of January 1997.

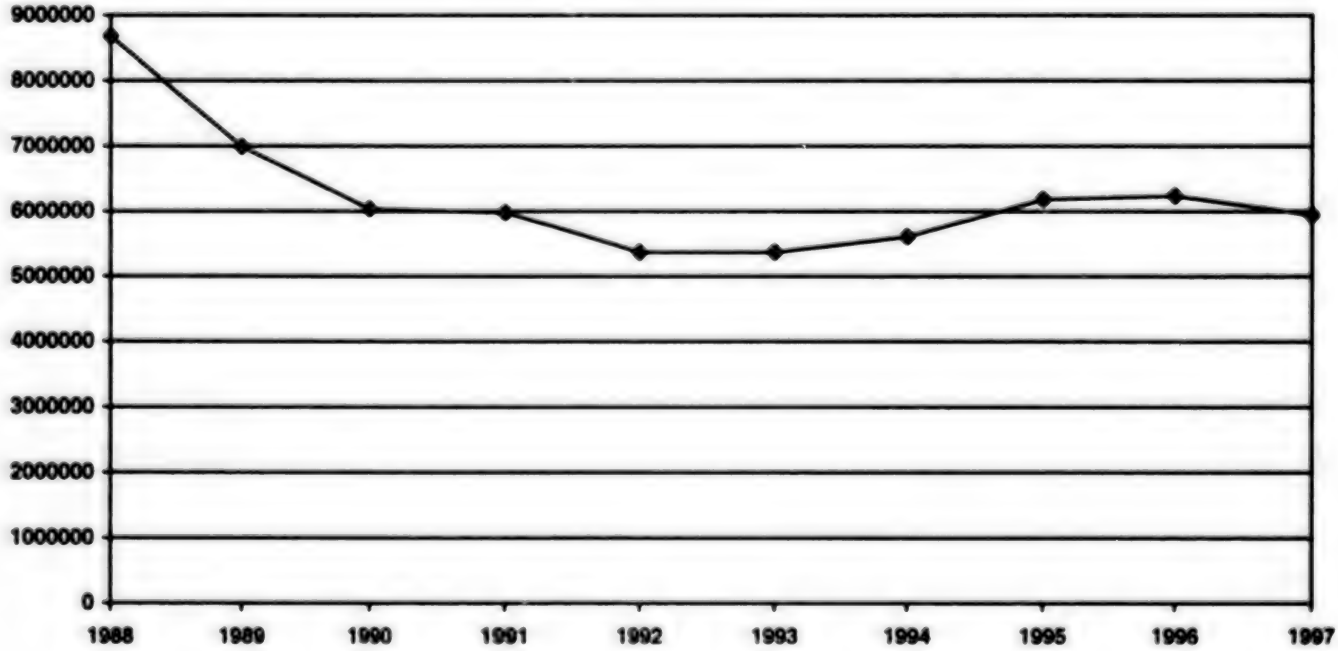
NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

In Fiscal Year 1997, nonimmigrant visa issuances at Foreign Service posts totalled 5,942,061, a decrease of 295,809 (–4.7%) from the Fiscal Year 1996 figure of 6,237,870. The addition of Argentina and Australia to the Visa Waiver Pilot Program late in Fiscal Year 1996 resulted in substantial reductions in visa issuances to nationals of those two countries in Fiscal Year 1997. Also, in Fiscal Year 1997 the Visa Office began counting combination C–1/D visas (issued to crew members in lieu of separate concurrent C–1 and D visas) as one issuance rather than two, thus creating an apparent reduction in C–1 and D visa issuances.

Nonimmigrant visa issuances remained considerably below the record high set in Fiscal Year 1988, a continuing reflection of the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. Section 635 of P.L. 104–208 extended the Program through September 30, 1997. The 25 countries in the Program were Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. Under the waiver program, citizens of the designated countries may visit the United States for up to 90 days without the need of obtaining a visitor visa.

Under separate provisions of law, visas are also not required of most Canadians and of certain other limited categories of travelers.

Nonimmigrant Visas Issued
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997



Nonimmigrant issuances to nationals of Asian countries were about 40.2% of the total, and visas issued to nationals of European countries equalled about 19.3%. Visitor (B) visas and Border Crossing Cards (BCCs) accounted for about 79.9% of the nonimmigrant visas issued, and temporary employment (E, H, I, L, O, P, Q, R, and NAFTA) visas about 5.5%. Visas issued to 10 nationalities (South Korea, Brazil, Mexico, China (Taiwan and mainland), India, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Colombia, Philippines, and Israel) accounted for about 55.2% of the total issuances.

It should be noted that most nonimmigrant visas are valid for several years. The total of persons holding valid visas, therefore, is several times the figure for visas issued in any one year. The Department of State has made a conscious effort to authorize the maximum possible nonimmigrant visa validity for qualified applicants to reduce the need for frequent reapplication, thus helping to make worldwide nonimmigrant visa processing as efficient as possible.

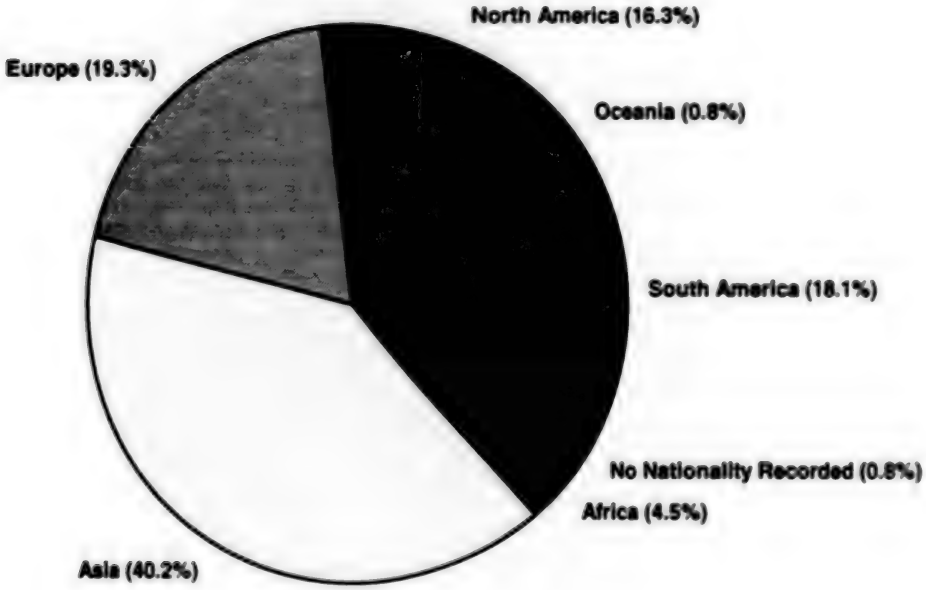
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued [1]
By Geographic Areas
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Region Of Nationality	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe	1,092,677	1,098,257	1,155,559	1,179,665	1,145,164
Asia	1,657,346	1,768,775	2,042,084	2,289,590	2,389,684
Africa	211,495	217,754	226,123	250,049	267,210
North America	1,049,745	1,156,490	1,194,671	947,241	967,475
South America	987,380	1,017,132	1,195,467	1,213,811	1,079,655
Oceania	285,547	281,073	294,658	290,367	46,409
No Nationality Recorded [2]	75,430	71,472	73,260	67,147	46,464
Total	**5,359,620**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**

Note: Issuances to persons with the nationality of a dependent area are included in the figures for the region of the governing country.

[1] Includes border crossing cards. Does not include transferred visas.
[2] Crew list visas and issuances in UN Laissez Passer are included in the "No Nationality Recorded" figure.

Nonimmigrant Visa Issuances
By Applicants' Nationality
Regional Breakdown
Fiscal Year 1997



Nonimmigrant Issuances
By Classification
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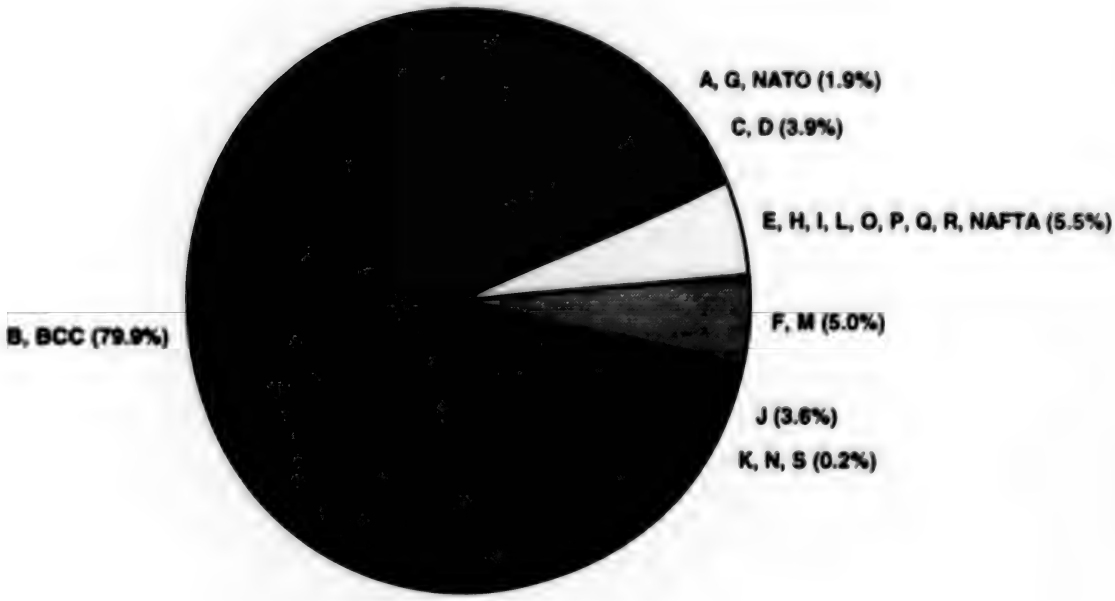

NATIONAL VISA CENTER

The National Visa Center, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, provides administrative support for U.S. embassies and consulates abroad which process immigrant visas. The mailing address of the Center is: National Visa Center, 32 Rochester Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. The public inquiries telephone number of the Center is: (603) 334-0700.

CHANGES IN VISA SERVICES AT FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS

The following posts ended nonimmigrant visa services during Fiscal Year 1997: Embassy Rabat, Morocco; Consulate General Lahore, Pakistan.

The following posts ended immigrant visa services during Fiscal Year 1997: Refugee and Migration Affairs Office, Bangkok, Thailand; Consulate General Vancouver, Canada.

The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

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Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	161,777	160,274	125,822	147,883	178,774
Special Immigrants [1]	1,157	1,155	986	890	853
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	5,364	1,257	940	964	835
Family-Sponsored Preference	226,057	216,819	213,395	207,734	170,785
Employment-Based Preference	54,094	46,632	21,840	22,769	20,898
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	59	215	184	42	47
Hong Kong Business Transition [2]	2,363				
Displaced Tibetans Transition [3]	558				
AA–1 Diversity Transition [4]	33,163	44,419	1,129		
Legalization Beneficiaries' Spouses/Children Transition [5]	54,947	32,773			
DV Diversity Immigrants [6]			42,739	43,158	44,727
Total	**539,539**	**503,544**	**407,035**	**423,440**	**416,919**
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	5,293,241	5,551,583	6,134,242	6,193,941	5,904,055
Border Crossing Cards (B1/B2/BCCs) [7]	66,379 (429,436)	59,370 (532,611)	47,580 (543,122)	43,929 (361,379)	38,006 (387,845)
Total	**5,359,620**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**

Note: The totals on this table do not include replaced immigrant visas or transferred nonimmigrant visas.

[1] Special Immigrant totals include returning residents only.

[2] Category established in accordance with Section 124 of P.L. 101–649; visas available to employees of certain U.S. businesses operating in Hong Kong and their spouses and children, for FY–91 through FY–93 only.

[3] Category established in accordance with Section 134 of P.L. 101–649; visas available to natives of Tibet residing in India or Nepal and their spouses and children, for FY–91 through FY–93 only.

[4] Category established in accordance with Section 132 of P.L. 101–649; visas available for FY–92 through FY–94 only. Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (P.L. 103–416 enacted October 25, 1994) authorized unused numbers in this class from earlier years to be issued during FY–95.

[5] Category established in accordance with Section 112 of P.L. 101–649; visas available to spouses and children of persons legalized under the three programs established by P.L. 99–603, for FY–92 through FY–94 only.

[6] Section 203(c) of the INA, added by Section 131 of P.L. 101–649, created a new immigrant visa category effective with FY–95 to provide immigration opportunities for persons from countries other than the principal sources of current immigration to the United States.

[7] Combination B–1/B–2 visitor visa/border crossing cards (B1/B2/BCCs), issued at posts in Canada and Mexico only, are included in the "Visas Issued" line.

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Class of Immigrant	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Grand Total	539,539	503,544	407,035	423,440	416,919
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	226,057	216,819	213,395	207,734	170,785
First Preference					
Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen, and children	12,385	12,957	13,199	15,847	17,185
Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	72,903	68,343	56,523	41,994	32,611
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children (conditional) [1]	13	-	-	-	-
Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	25,024	22,292	25,972	30,542	16,777
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children (conditional) [1]	-	-	-	-	-
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	29,562	27,267	32,524	33,406	21,368
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children (conditional) [1]	1	-	-	-	-
Third Preference					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	22,860	22,488	21,661	24,338	22,117
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children (conditional) [1]	1	-	-	-	-
Fourth Preference					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	63,308	63,472	63,516	61,607	60,727
Employment-Based Preference Total	54,094	46,632	21,840	22,769	20,898
First Preference					
Priority worker, spouse and children	5,503	5,201	3,637	4,173	3,793
Second Preference					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	5,912	2,747	1,119	1,246	1,120
Third Preference					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	28,743	22,585	9,462	10,888	10,068
Other worker, spouse and children	9,685	9,600	4,845	3,382	2,729
Fourth Preference					
Minister of religion, spouse and children	1,509	1,875	874	802	618
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	804	781	931	996	603
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government, spouse and children	9	4	5	12	6
Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children	27	37	27	33	37
Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, spouse and children	-	1	-	-	-
Spouse and child of certain foreign medical graduates	-	-	-	-	-

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Class of Immigrant	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Certain retired international organization employees and spouse, unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees, surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees	17	10	8	12	13
Certain juvenile court dependents	2	-	-	-	-
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	1,560	3,489	588	638	701
Fifth Preference					
Employment creation outside targeted area, spouse and children	237	159	137	186	182
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	86	143	207	401	922
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children [2]		-	-	-	4
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children [2]		-	-	-	102
Alien recruited outside the United States who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years, spouse and children	59	215	184	42	47
Immediate Relative Total	161,777	160,274	125,822	147,883	178,774 [3]
Spouse of U.S. citizen	24,624	26,039	16,759	20,199	24,440 [3]
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional) [1]	50,111	51,351	30,965	32,093	33,042
Child of U.S. citizen	25,553	25,214	24,473	28,556	36,902
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional) [1]	6,662	7,912	7,307	6,121	7,315
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	3,687	4,155	5,307	7,151	9,176
Orphan to be adopted in the U.S. by U.S. citizen	3,690	4,178	4,372	4,189	4,445
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	47,353	41,337	36,590	49,477	63,359
Parent of U.S. citizen who acquired status under the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act (P.L. 97-271)	-	-	-	-	-
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens [4]	97	88	49	85	90
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens [4]			-	12	5
Special Immigrant Total	1,157	1,155	986	890	853
Returning resident	1,157	1,155	986	890	853
Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by marriage	-	-	-	-	-
Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by serving in foreign armed forces	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	5,364	1,257	940	964	835
DV Diversity Immigrants [5]			42,739	43,158	44,727
Transition Categories Total	91,031	77,192	1,129		
Employees of certain U.S. businesses operating in Hong Kong, spouse and children [6]	2,363				
Displaced Tibetans, spouse and children [7]	558				

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Class of Immigrant	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Spouse or child of legalized alien [8]	54,947	32,773			
AA-1 Diversity Transition under Section 132 of P.L. 101–649 [9]	33,163	44,419	1,129		

[1] P.L. 99–639 (Immigration Marriage Fraud Amendments of 1986) established a conditional immigration status for persons whose basis for immigration is a marriage of the petitioner that was entered into less than 2 years prior to the applicant's admission to the United States as an immigrant.

[2] Section 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (P.L. 102–395) modified INA 203(b)(5) by creating a 5-year pilot program which sets aside up to 300 immigrant visas annually for aliens investing in qualifying regional centers in the United States for the promotion of economic growth.

[3] Includes 1 visa issued under the provisions of Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the INA (self-petition for immediate relative classification by battered and/or abused spouse of U.S. citizen).

[4] P.L. 101–649 amended Section 201(b) of the INA to make possible in certain circumstances immediate relative status for the widow(er) of a U.S. citizen, if such widow(er) files a petition within 2 years of the citizen's death. P.L. 103–416 expanded this category to include the children of such widow(er)s.

[5] Section 203(c) of the INA, added by P.L. 101–649, authorizes 55,000 immigrant visa numbers each fiscal year beginning with FY–95 to provide immigration opportunities for persons from countries other than the principal sources of current immigration to the United States.

[6] P.L. 101–649 authorized 12,000 immigrant visa numbers for FY–91, FY–92, and FY–93 for employees of certain U.S. businesses operating in Hong Kong and their spouses and children.

[7] P.L. 101–649 authorized 1,000 immigrant visa numbers in the 3-fiscal-year period beginning with FY–91 for displaced Tibetans and their spouses and children.

[8] P.L. 101–649 authorized up to 55,000 immigrant visa numbers for FY–92, FY–93, and FY–94 for spouses and children of persons legalized under the three programs established by P.L. 99–603.

[9] P.L. 101–649 authorized 40,000 immigrant visa numbers for FY–92, FY–93, and FY–94 for natives of certain countries which had been identified as adversely affected for purposes of the NP-5 immigrant program established under Section 314 of P.L. 99–603. Section 217 of P.L. 103–416 authorized unused numbers in this class from earlier years to be issued during FY–95.

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Africa						
Algeria	62	0	13	4	256	335
Angola	15	0	13	0	5	33
Benin	17	0	2	0	14	33
Botswana	6	0	2	0	1	9
Burkina Faso	2	0	0	0	2	4
Burundi	10	0	2	0	0	12
Cameroon	119	1	10	18	481	629
Cape Verde	430	2	339	9	54	834
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad	1	0	0	0	4	5
Comoros	2	0	0	0	0	2
Congo, Republic of the	2	0	0	1	3	6
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	70	0	3	11	58	142
Cote d'Ivoire	65	0	12	13	40	130
Djibouti	12	0	0	0	2	14
Egypt	1,375	33	865	150	1,652	4,075
Equatorial Guinea	2	0	0	0	0	2
Eritrea	189	0	25	0	641	855
Ethiopia	1,296	3	109	21	2,907	4,336
Gabon	6	0	1	2	0	9
Gambia	26	0	3	0	2	31
Ghana	1,074	0	534	57	2,436	4,101
Guinea	21	0	3	2	7	33
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	2	0	0	2
Kenya	146	1	214	18	412	791
Lesotho	2	0	0	0	1	3
Liberia	458	1	161	31	493	1,144
Libya	55	1	14	2	6	78
Madagascar	8	0	0	0	7	15
Malawi	6	0	7	7	44	64
Mali	6	0	2	1	3	12
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	9	0	2	2	15	28
Morocco	507	2	60	18	1,164	1,751
Mozambique	8	0	20	3	1	32
Namibia	1	0	0	1	0	2
Niger	4	0	0	0	1	5
Nigeria	2,374	1	234	210	3,551	6,370
Rwanda	7	2	0	0	8	17
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	1	0	0	1
Senegal	137	0	19	9	96	261
Seychelles	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sierra Leone	363	0	101	12	752	1,228
Somalia	134	0	17	3	219	373
South Africa	254	12	166	196	276	904
Sudan	127	0	15	16	620	778

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Africa–Continued						
Swaziland	5	0	0	2	0	7
Tanzania	64	1	101	7	143	316
Togo	14	0	0	5	91	110
Tunisia	36	0	2	14	35	87
Uganda	46	0	110	12	94	262
Zambia	25	0	56	3	53	137
Zimbabwe	38	3	22	11	31	105
Region Total for Africa	**9,637**	**63**	**3,262**	**871**	**16,681**	**30,514**
Asia						
Afghanistan	424	1	138	2	54	619
Bahrain	9	0	27	2	1	39
Bangladesh	3,373	3	1,695	146	2,905	8,122
Bhutan	3	0	0	0	0	3
Brunei	1	0	3	0	0	4
Burma	213	10	558	9	195	985
Cambodia	1,025	0	205	8	4	1,243 [1]
China–mainland born	13,232	21	9,722	4,468	0	27,443
–Taiwan born	1,362	8	4,262	1,125	0	6,757
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	515	0	2,611	414	337	3,877
India	12,202	178	14,689	1,035	0	28,104
Indonesia	237	1	144	38	49	469
Iran	3,829	8	1,561	242	273	5,913
Iraq	668	0	450	62	39	1,219
Israel	697	11	208	131	11	1,058
Japan	1,377	26	95	378	173	2,049
Jordan	2,003	1	1,149	50	21	3,224
Korea, North	41	0	38	3	0	82
Korea, South	3,316	12	3,587	1,375	0	8,290
Kuwait	210	1	180	25	10	426
Laos	221	3	91	9	0	324
Lebanon	1,283	8	1,025	82	25	2,423
Malaysia	177	3	121	52	9	362
Maldives	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	12	0	0	1	0	13
Nepal	67	0	49	48	91	255
Oman	1	0	7	2	1	11
Pakistan	3,865	18	4,537	333	1,147	9,900
Philippines	19,971	99	16,753	1,434	0	38,257
Qatar	12	0	5	1	0	18
Saudi Arabia	90	3	51	10	1	155
Singapore	83	6	38	19	1	147
Sri Lanka	181	4	206	84	252	727

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Asia–Continued						
Syria	814	5	563	68	19	1,469
Thailand	741	14	326	56	9	1,149 [1]
United Arab Emirates	42	3	131	38	2	216
Vietnam	6,145	0	9,306	35	0	16,317 [1]
Yemen	1,549	1	378	0	16	1,944
Region Total for Asia	**79,992**	**448**	**74,909**	**11,785**	**5,645**	**173,614** [1]
Europe						
Albania	308	1	438	8	3,798	4,553
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	110	1	23	138	913	1,185
Austria	106	1	16	15	71	209
Azerbaijan	38	1	6	14	141	200
Belarus	137	0	0	13	218	368
Belgium	140	6	8	23	44	221
Bosnia and Herzegovina	81	0	16	8	56	161
Bulgaria	374	7	28	47	1,994	2,450
Croatia	83	1	24	14	85	207
Cyprus	47	0	11	3	14	75
Czech Republic	166	12	15	14	57	264
Denmark	145	3	8	11	26	193
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	31	0	0	0	34	65
Finland	103	1	2	21	59	186
France	479	6	107	102	116	810
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	1	0	0	1	0	2
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	12	0	13	3	0	28
Martinique	5	0	0	0	2	7
New Caledonia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reunion	1	0	0	0	0	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	48	0	1	20	80	149
Germany	1,917	7	100	202	861	3,087
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,776	24	646	883	0	3,329
Anguilla	4	0	6	0	0	10
Bermuda	41	0	9	1	0	51
British Virgin Islands	10	0	11	2	0	23
Cayman Islands	7	0	7	0	0	14
Falkland Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Europe–Continued						
Montserrat	19	0	34	2	0	55
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	0	5	0	0	8
Northern Ireland (DV only)	0	0	0	0	30	30
Greece	328	17	155	19	35	554
Hungary	277	1	21	18	93	410
Iceland	36	3	5	5	22	71
Ireland	137	5	29	39	348	558
Italy	398	8	139	94	118	757
Kazakhstan	75	0	1	4	88	168
Kyrgyzstan	21	0	0	9	22	52
Latvia	143	0	9	4	75	231
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lithuania	149	0	8	3	347	507
Luxembourg	8	0	2	0	1	11
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	306	1	183	7	143	640
Malta	18	0	17	3	2	40
Moldova	77	0	3	7	76	163
Monaco	1	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	231	3	28	41	55	358
Aruba	3	0	5	0	0	8
Netherlands Antilles	18	0	14	0	3	35
Norway	144	2	3	21	14	184
Poland	1,468	50	3,302	611	2,563	7,994
Portugal	231	20	634	65	26	976
Macau	33	0	111	11	73	228
Romania	1,443	7	337	144	2,389	4,320
Russia	4,625	2	62	350	1,100	6,139
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [2]	534	5	152	35	267	993
Slovakia	87	0	12	9	320	428
Slovenia	7	0	3	0	13	23
Spain	353	13	43	44	28	481
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	278	4	16	52	104	454
Switzerland	218	9	12	62	337	638
Tajikistan	5	0	0	1	30	36
Turkey	661	7	130	237	1,316	2,351
Turkmenistan	5	0	0	5	17	27
Ukraine	449	1	37	69	1,519	2,075
Uzbekistan	44	0	3	10	147	204
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**19,005**	**229**	**7,010**	**3,524**	**20,291**	**50,059**

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
North America						
Antigua and Barbuda	80	0	162	9	0	251
Bahamas	58	0	51	5	1	115
Barbados	125	3	192	37	3	360
Belize	162	4	230	6	5	407
Canada	1,152	4	718	1,114	0	2,988
Costa Rica	425	2	143	15	4	589
Cuba	882	0	1,070	47	1,000	2,999
Dominica	188	0	243	9	5	445
Dominican Republic	9,210	1	12,132	38	0	21,381
El Salvador	5,225	0	3,509	643	0	9,377
Grenada	162	1	195	24	1	383
Guatemala	2,088	3	1,318	150	6	3,565
Haiti	3,227	12	6,858	87	27	10,211
Honduras	2,713	1	1,635	103	3	4,455
Jamaica	5,078	2	7,029	265	0	12,374
Mexico	20,339	3	35,487	373	0	56,202
Nicaragua	932	1	421	30	7	1,391
Panama	950	2	257	123	1	1,333
Saint Kitts and Nevis	82	0	171	1	0	254
Saint Lucia	158	0	162	11	0	331
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	127	0	132	26	1	286
Trinidad and Tobago	1,258	11	1,334	273	49	2,925
Region Total for North America	**54,621**	**50**	**73,449**	**3,389**	**1,113**	**132,622**
Oceania						
Australia	500	6	23	101	88	718
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fiji	247	1	695	15	408	1,366
Kiribati	2	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	199	2	38	27	57	323
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	4	1	0	1	0	6
Papua New Guinea	7	0	1	0	0	8
Samoa	17	0	18	0	0	35
Solomon Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tonga	41	3	68	3	26	141
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Oceania–Continued						
Region Total for Oceania	**1,019**	**13**	**843**	**147**	**579**	**2,601**
South America						
Argentina	217	1	129	85	28	460
Bolivia	382	7	136	77	22	624
Brazil	674	15	196	140	51	1,076
Chile	334	5	151	32	8	530
Colombia	4,314	16	2,320	142	0	6,792
Ecuador	2,473	13	2,063	290	72	4,911
Guyana	1,674	6	4,178	121	15	5,994
Paraguay	91	0	24	21	1	137
Peru	3,620	26	1,911	209	150	5,916
Suriname	27	0	34	4	3	68
Uruguay	87	7	46	10	4	154
Venezuela	607	1	124	51	64	847
Region Total for South America	**14,500**	**97**	**11,312**	**1,182**	**418**	**27,509**
Grand Totals	**178,774**	**900**	**170,785**	**20,898**	**44,727**	**416,919** [1]

[1] Includes visas issued under the Vietnam Amerasian category. During FY–1997, 835 such visas were issued; the foreign state breakdown is: Cambodia 1, Thailand 3, and Vietnam 831.

[2] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

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Issuing Office	Immigrant Visas			Nonimmigrant Visas	
	Issued	Replaced	Total	Issued [1]	Border Crossing Cards and Combination B1/B2/BCC
Department of State–Visa Office	**0**	**0**	**0**	**39,739**	**0**
U.S. Mission to the United Nations	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,383**	**0**
Africa					
Angola, Luanda	0	0	0	3,202	0
Benin, Cotonou	21	0	21	739	0
Botswana, Gaborone	0	0	0	1,532	0
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	1	0	1	1,068	0
Burundi, Bujumbura	0	0	0	211	0
Cameroon, Yaounde	555	5	560	1,727	0
Cape Verde, Praia	799	0	799	3,892	0
Central African Republic, Bangui	0	0	0	111	0
Chad, N'Djamena	0	0	0	370	0
Congo, Republic of the, Brazzaville	0	0	0	295	0
Congo, Democratic Republic of the, Kinshasa	108	2	110	2,079	0
Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan	246	0	246	5,586	0
Djibouti, Djibouti	19	0	19	381	0
Eritrea, Asmara	0	0	0	1,059	0
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	4,678	10	4,688	3,348	0
Gabon, Libreville	16	0	16	1,265	0
Gambia, Banjul	0	0	0	1,279	0
Ghana, Accra	4,127	2	4,129	9,154	0
Guinea, Conakry	0	0	0	3,764	0
Guinea-Bissau, Bissau	0	0	0	257	0
Kenya, Nairobi	718	0	718	9,661	0
Lesotho, Maseru	0	0	0	350	0
Liberia, Monrovia	831	5	836	1,874	0
Madagascar, Antananarivo	10	0	10	536	0
Malawi, Lilongwe	17	0	17	989	0
Mali, Bamako	0	0	0	1,702	0
Mauritania, Nouakchott	0	0	0	427	0
Mauritius, Port Louis	0	0	0	1,590	0
Mozambique, Maputo	0	0	0	797	0
Namibia, Windhoek	0	0	0	762	0
Niger, Niamey	9	0	9	972	0
Nigeria, Lagos	6,134	72	6,206	20,923	0
Rwanda, Kigali	0	0	0	635	0
Senegal, Dakar	340	0	340	5,349	0
Sierra Leone, Freetown	1,091	0	1,091	673	0
South Africa, Cape Town	0	0	0	16,244	0
Durban	0	0	0	10,301	0
Johannesburg	1,004	2	1,006	43,513	0
Pretoria	0	0	0	717	0
Swaziland, Mbabane	0	0	0	334	0
Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam	159	0	159	3,030	0
Togo Lome	107	3	110	870	0

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Issuing Office	Immigrant Visas Issued	Immigrant Visas Replaced	Immigrant Visas Total	Nonimmigrant Visas Issued [1]	Nonimmigrant Visas Border Crossing Cards and Combination B1/B2/BCC
Africa–Continued					
Uganda, Kampala	0	0	0	2,049	0
Zambia, Lusaka	129	4	133	2,236	0
Zimbabwe, Harare	111	7	118	4,533	0
Region Total for Africa	**21,230**	**112**	**21,342**	**172,386**	**0**
American Republics					
Argentina, Buenos Aires	653	3	656	13,544	0
Bahamas, Nassau	174	0	174	22,693	0
Barbados, Bridgetown	2,451	2	2,453	34,436	0
Belize, Belize City	433	0	433	7,622	0
Bolivia, La Paz	602	2	604	12,199	0
Brazil, Brasilia	0	0	0	49,523	0
Recife	0	0	0	40,026	0
Rio de Janeiro	1,087	11	1,098	177,495	0
Sao Paulo	0	0	0	303,789	0
Chile, Santiago	545	4	549	54,450	0
Colombia, Bogota	6,670	0	6,670	171,203	0
Costa Rica, San Jose	644	1	645	52,803	0
Cuba, Havana	2,829	301	3,130	5,363	0
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	21,380	1	21,381	57,663	0
Ecuador, Guayaquil	4,910	1	4,911	27,998	0
Quito	0	0	0	33,738	0
El Salvador, San Salvador	9,316	0	9,316	37,249	0
Guatemala, Guatemala City	3,568	0	3,568	46,179	0
Guyana, Georgetown	5,628	11	5,639	7,532	0
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	10,125	0	10,125	10,861	0
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	4,469	2	4,471	23,700	0
Jamaica, Kingston	12,191	12	12,203	37,950	0
Mexico, Ciudad Juarez	56,245	0	56,245	27,057	15,928
Guadalajara	0	0	0	58,754	47,701
Hermosillo	0	0	0	40,058	30,333
Matamoros	0	0	0	18,550	3,374
Merida	0	0	0	12,770	8,914
Mexico City	0	0	0	218,058	147,902
Monterrey	0	0	0	128,525	69,404
Tijuana	0	0	0	50,853	43,985
Nicaragua, Managua	1,324	0	1,324	18,344	0
Panama, Panama City	1,466	12	1,478	22,152	0
Paraguay, Asuncion	197	0	197	7,714	0
Peru, Lima	5,838	10	5,848	51,455	0
Suriname, Paramaribo	105	0	105	3,527	0
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	2,900	1	2,901	43,709	0
Uruguay, Montevideo	134	0	134	22,521	0

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Issuing Office	Immigrant Visas Issued	Immigrant Visas Replaced	Immigrant Visas Total	Nonimmigrant Visas Issued [1]	Nonimmigrant Visas Border Crossing Cards and Combination B1/B2/BCC
American Republics–Continued					
Venezuela, Caracas	1,145	0	1,145	89,447	0
Region Total for American Republics	**157,029**	**374**	**157,403**	**2,041,510**	**367,541**
East Asia and Pacific					
Australia, Canberra	0	0	0	3,023	0
Melbourne	0	0	0	8,737	0
Perth	112	6	118	3,157	0
Sydney	1,000	18	1,018	17,097	0
Brunei, Bandar Seri Begawan	0	0	0	1,803	0
Burma, Rangoon	713	3	716	2,826	0
Cambodia, Phnom Penh	1,105	0	1,105	2,827	0
China, Beijing	0	0	0	119,453	0
Chengdu	0	0	0	10,888	0
Guangzhou	22,378	62	22,440	27,887	0
Shanghai	0	0	0	47,719	0
Shenyang	0	0	0	14,952	0
Fiji, Suva	1,477	0	1,477	5,829	0
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong	7,853	852	8,705	177,598	0
Indonesia, Jakarta	390	4	394	63,287	0
Surabaya	0	0	0	11,133	0
Japan, Naha	318	1	319	1,143	0
Osaka-Kobe	0	0	0	45,935	0
Tokyo	2,331	6	2,337	88,988	0
Korea, Seoul	7,990	12	8,002	588,562	0
Laos, Vientiane	254	0	254	942	0
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	328	0	328	58,130	0
Marshall Islands, Majuro	0	0	0	1,131	0
Micronesia, Federated States of, Kolonia	0	0	0	199	0
Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar	0	0	0	1,808	0
New Zealand, Auckland	424	8	432	12,237	0
Palau, Koror	0	0	0	199	0
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	16	0	16	1,377	0
Philippines, Manila	37,260	17	37,277	116,467	0
Singapore, Singapore	251	0	251	75,056	0
Thailand, Bangkok	1,151	1	1,152	65,355	0
Chiang Mai	0	0	0	2,052	0
Orderly Departure Program, Bangkok [2]	15,372	0	15,372	0	0
Refugee/Migr. Affairs Sec., Bangkok [3]	21	0	21	0	0
Vietnam, Hanoi	0	0	0	4,505	0
Taipei [4]	8,377	0	8,377	325,924	0

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East Asia and Pacific–Continued					
Region Total for East Asia and Pacific	**109,121**	**990**	**110,111**	**1,908,226**	**0**
Europe and Canada					
Albania, Tirana	4,406	0	4,406	1,712	0
Armenia, Yerevan	0	0	0	4,970	0
Austria, Vienna	315	0	315	11,702	0
Azerbaijan, Baku	0	0	0	1,432	0
Belarus, Minsk	0	0	0	5,103	0
Belgium, Brussels	306	6	312	10,620	0
Bermuda, Hamilton	67	0	67	2,573	0
Bulgaria, Sofia	2,378	19	2,397	10,807	0
Canada, Calgary	0	0	0	9,068	2,863
Halifax	0	0	0	1,734	174
Montreal	5,042	45	5,087	20,379	8,419
Ottawa	0	0	0	6,451	1,588
Quebec	0	0	0	2,181	231
Toronto	0	0	0	46,008	24,938
Vancouver	1,054	6	1,060	35,538	20,097
Croatia, Zagreb	218	2	220	15,066	0
Cyprus, Nicosia	496	1	497	8,255	0
Czech Republic, Prague	643	0	643	46,101	0
Denmark, Copenhagen	215	2	217	12,600	0
Estonia, Tallinn	0	0	0	5,457	0
Finland, Helsinki	286	0	286	6,223	0
France, Marseille	0	0	0	5,874	0
Paris	1,184	3	1,187	48,799	0
Georgia, Tbilisi	0	0	0	3,303	0
Germany, Berlin	0	0	0	30,377	0
Bonn	0	0	0	19,620	0
Frankfurt	4,282	15	4,297	51,264	0
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belfast	0	0	0	2,660	0
London	4,984	3	4,987	116,292	0
Greece, Athens	782	3	785	42,768	0
Hungary, Budapest	396	0	396	43,335	0
Iceland, Reykjavik	70	0	70	2,152	0
Ireland, Dublin	497	0	497	13,232	0
Italy, Milan	0	0	0	13,462	0
Naples	1,275	8	1,283	2,500	0
Rome	0	0	0	9,964	0
Kazakhstan, Almaty	0	0	0	3,575	0
Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek	0	0	0	1,403	0
Latvia, Riga	0	0	0	7,467	0
Lithuania, Vilnius	0	0	0	6,619	0
Luxembourg, Luxembourg	0	0	0	1,325	0

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Issuing Office	Immigrant Visas Issued	Immigrant Visas Replaced	Immigrant Visas Total	Nonimmigrant Visas Issued [1]	Nonimmigrant Visas Border Crossing Cards and Combination B1/B2/BCC
Europe and Canada–Continued					
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of, Skopje	0	0	0	3,757	0
Malta, Valletta	58	0	58	5,230	0
Moldova, Chisinau	0	0	0	1,383	0
Netherlands, Amsterdam	419	0	419	19,035	0
Norway, Oslo	216	0	216	8,993	0
Poland, Krakow	0	0	0	28,396	0
Warsaw	10,691	32	10,723	53,699	0
Portugal, Lisbon	726	0	726	31,276	0
Ponta Delgada	269	0	269	4,882	0
Romania, Bucharest	4,226	25	4,251	20,751	0
Russia, Moscow	7,577	102	7,679	88,729	0
St. Petersburg	0	0	0	12,326	0
Vladivostok	0	0	0	12,265	0
Yekaterinburg	0	0	0	6,411	0
Serbia-Montenegro, Belgrade	1,658	3	1,661	13,254	0
Slovakia, Bratislava	0	0	0	13,831	0
Slovenia, Ljubljana	0	0	0	10,710	0
Spain, Madrid	558	0	558	22,217	0
Sweden, Stockholm	604	1	605	20,080	0
Switzerland, Bern	880	3	883	27,074	0
Tajikistan, Dushanbe	0	0	0	250	0
Turkey, Ankara	2,256	3	2,259	18,185	0
Istanbul	2,939	10	2,949	31,092	0
Turkmenistan, Ashgabat	0	0	0	625	0
Ukraine, Kiev	0	0	0	19,440	0
Uzbekistan, Tashkent	0	0	0	3,759	0
Region Total for Europe and Canada	**61,973**	**292**	**62,265**	**1,167,621**	**58,310**
Near East					
Algeria, Algiers	145	0	145	2,091	0
Bahrain, Manama	116	0	116	4,606	0
Egypt, Cairo	4,142	0	4,142	36,345	0
Israel, Tel Aviv	1,258	12	1,270	114,172	0
Jerusalem	1,298	5	1,303	17,283	0
Jordan, Amman	3,647	3	3,650	10,364	0
Kuwait, Kuwait	384	1	385	18,935	0
Lebanon, Beirut	0	0	0	4,640	0
Morocco, Casablanca	1,655	15	1,670	12,691	0
Rabat	0	0	0	381	0
Oman, Muscat	125	0	125	3,824	0
Qatar, Doha	126	1	127	5,803	0
Saudi Arabia, Jeddah	0	0	0	25,230	0
Riyadh	1,231	7	1,238	38,320	0

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Issuing Office	Immigrant Visas			Nonimmigrant Visas	
	Issued	Replaced	Total	Issued [1]	Border Crossing Cards and Combination B1/B2/BCC
Near East–Continued					
Syria, Damascus	2,999	11	3,010	11,241	0
Tunisia, Tunis	183	0	183	7,611	0
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	2,272	8	2,280	12,974	0
Abu Dhabi–Beirut Files [5]	112	0	112	0	0
Dubai	0	0	0	15,128	0
Yemen, Sanaa	1,980	0	1,980	2,503	0
Region Total for Near East	**21,673**	**63**	**21,736**	**344,142**	**0**
South Asia					
Bangladesh, Dhaka	7,959	15	7,974	10,147	0
India, Calcutta	97	0	97	10,646	0
Chennai (Madras)	4,838	0	4,838	59,517	0
Mumbai (Bombay)	13,240	66	13,306	77,923	0
New Delhi	9,042	0	9,042	58,489	0
Nepal, Kathmandu	268	0	268	4,960	0
Pakistan, Islamabad	9,858	57	9,915	20,731	0
Lahore	0	0	0	15,697	0
Sri Lanka, Colombo	591	1	592	5,944	0
Region Total for South Asia	**45,893**	**139**	**46,032**	**264,054**	**0**
Grand Totals	**416,919**	**1,970**	**418,889**	**5,942,061**	**425,851**

[1] Figures include BCC and B1/B2/BCC nonimmigrant visa issuances.

[2] Orderly Departure Program for residents of Vietnam.

[3] Processing for applicants in refugee camps in Thailand.

[4] The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

[5] Beirut immigrant visa files are temporarily located at American Embassy Abu Dhabi.

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Table V (Part I)
Immigrant Visas Issued and Adjustments of Status
Subject to Numerical Limitations
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	Family Preferences								Employment Preferences			
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
Africa												
Algeria	2	0	8	8	1	4	5	20	14	15	21	1
Angola	5	2	2	4	8	0	4	21	6	0	1	3
Benin	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
Botswana	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0
Cameroon	12	3	5	8	1	0	2	23	5	17	22	4
Cape Verde	22	16	72	88	134	2	113	359	2	2	9	3
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	6	17	15	17	2
Cote d'Ivoire	2	4	7	11	3	0	0	16	1	5	7	1
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	45	26	75	101	70	103	634	953	98	127	262	6
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	17	3	8	11	2	0	1	31	4	1	4	0
Ethiopia	56	8	42	50	37	11	10	164	13	14	41	7
Gabon	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Gambia	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	3	2
Ghana	351	46	92	138	54	38	30	611	24	64	70	24
Guinea	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	7	4
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kenya	15	3	6	9	7	13	195	239	42	37	42	8
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	148	35	11	46	19	17	15	245	4	8	21	10
Libya	2	6	1	7	1	2	6	18	4	4	11	0
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	1
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	8	11	1	15	0
Mali	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	3	1
Morocco	5	7	27	34	8	2	29	78	26	17	50	15
Mozambique	7	1	0	1	0	2	14	24	2	0	6	2
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0
Niger	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	13	5	0
Nigeria	92	57	135	192	29	18	21	352	99	208	339	32
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Senegal	8	0	10	10	1	1	0	20	1	2	4	0
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sierra Leone	84	9	23	32	10	3	3	132	2	18	33	22

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Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Africa											
Algeria	22	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	55	75
Angola	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	34
Benin	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Botswana	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	7
Burkina Faso	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Cameroon	26	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	57	80
Cape Verde	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	375
Central African Republic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	19	5	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	69	75
Cote d'Ivoire	8	11	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	29	45
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	268	33	26	59	0	3	0	0	3	555	1,508
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	13	44
Ethiopia	48	21	10	31	0	0	0	0	0	106	270
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Gambia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11
Ghana	94	13	64	77	0	0	0	0	0	259	870
Guinea	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	17
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kenya	50	14	20	34	0	0	0	0	0	163	402
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	31	23	21	44	0	0	0	0	0	87	332
Libya	11	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	25	43
Madagascar	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Malawi	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	35
Mali	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Mauritania	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Mauritius	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	11
Morocco	65	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	120	198
Mozambique	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	34
Namibia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Niger	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	26	29
Nigeria	371	47	105	152	1	0	0	0	1	831	1,183
Rwanda	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Senegal	4	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	16	36
Seychelles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sierra Leone	55	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	86	218

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	Family Preferences								Employment Preferences			
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
Africa–Continued												
Somalia	3	5	14	19	4	0	1	27	2	4	0	0
South Africa	15	3	9	12	10	30	123	190	280	110	475	4
Sudan	4	1	5	6	4	3	8	25	12	20	16	0
Swaziland	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Tanzania	2	4	4	8	7	9	93	119	11	12	27	2
Togo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Tunisia	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	5	10	1	5	0
Uganda	8	2	8	10	6	10	95	129	18	14	22	4
Zambia	1	3	3	6	6	2	48	63	12	3	11	0
Zimbabwe	3	4	3	7	3	7	13	33	22	12	28	1
Region Total for Africa	**917**	**254**	**580**	**834**	**429**	**278**	**1,481**	**3,939**	**758**	**757**	**1,600**	**166**
Asia												
Afghanistan	34	4	25	29	14	81	14	172	7	2	18	0
Bahrain	1	1	2	3	1	4	19	28	6	1	5	5
Bangladesh	140	53	664	717	68	123	780	1,828	65	161	214	30
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	0
Burma	37	10	17	27	73	60	403	600	10	30	22	1
Cambodia	82	3	8	11	12	82	74	261	1	1	13	1
China–mainland born	439	58	1,028	1,086	1,492	1,635	5,336	9,988	3,726	5,343	5,131	186
–PRC nationals adjusting under CSPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0
–Taiwan born	333	85	166	251	439	270	3,484	4,777	1,029	876	883	76
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	169	38	67	105	342	240	1,921	2,777	267	131	390	133
India	721	252	1,755	2,007	858	1,616	10,123	15,325	1,812	4,618	3,261	140
Indonesia	16	8	18	26	17	24	99	182	32	23	49	16
Iran	161	85	135	220	471	141	962	1,955	107	177	591	68
Iraq	54	10	39	49	31	115	242	491	27	48	61	3
Israel	54	23	16	39	34	58	129	314	232	110	304	50
Japan	15	16	50	66	12	28	35	156	1,112	124	485	34
Jordan	77	58	122	180	187	240	582	1,266	36	101	95	0
Korea, North	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	4	0	2	0
Korea, South	258	280	303	583	429	305	2,921	4,496	661	147	1,914	797
Kuwait	28	20	44	64	30	46	68	236	16	38	50	5
Laos	47	4	10	14	13	13	47	134	1	0	6	0
Lebanon	159	27	90	117	286	197	464	1,223	41	98	233	14
Malaysia	6	11	23	34	11	11	96	158	54	63	186	27
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Africa–Continued											
Somalia	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	34
South Africa	479	35	45	80	7	0	0	0	7	956	1,146
Sudan	16	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	74
Swaziland	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
Tanzania	29	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	55	174
Togo	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	8
Tunisia	5	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	30	35
Uganda	26	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	72	201
Zambia	11	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	34	97
Zimbabwe	29	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	72	105
Region Total for Africa	**1,766**	**276**	**356**	**632**	**8**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**3,924**	**7,863**
Asia											
Afghanistan	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	199
Bahrain	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	18	46
Bangladesh	244	42	27	69	0	0	0	0	0	539	2,367
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Burma	23	17	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	88	688
Cambodia	14	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	25	286
China–mainland born	5,317	20	33	53	29	152	0	9	190	14,629	24,617
–PRC nationals adjusting under CSPA	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	57
–Taiwan born	959	35	70	105	186	456	0	70	712	3,681	8,458
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	523	10	25	35	10	66	0	6	82	1,038	3,815
India	3,401	181	261	442	11	11	0	0	22	10,295	25,620
Indonesia	65	8	14	22	5	11	0	0	16	158	340
Iran	659	9	15	24	8	3	0	0	11	978	2,933
Iraq	64	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	145	636
Israel	354	13	115	128	5	5	0	0	10	834	1,148
Japan	519	27	90	117	4	13	1	0	18	1,890	2,046
Jordan	95	18	11	29	4	1	0	0	5	266	1,532
Korea, North	2	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	2	12	50
Korea, South	2,711	396	949	1,345	25	285	0	18	328	5,192	9,688
Kuwait	55	1	4	5	0	2	0	0	2	116	352
Laos	6	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	18	152
Lebanon	247	2	10	12	2	7	0	0	9	407	1,630
Malaysia	213	8	11	19	3	0	0	0	3	352	510
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Family Preferences								Employment Preferences			
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
Asia–Continued												
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nepal	2	0	14	14	2	8	26	52	24	35	79	8
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	2	0	1	0
Pakistan	341	420	988	1,408	270	358	2,548	4,925	211	737	621	41
Philippines	1,825	250	1,054	1,304	2,714	6,518	4,994	17,355	241	497	5,651	558
Qatar	0	1	6	7	0	0	1	8	1	9	2	0
Saudi Arabia	3	9	11	20	10	10	25	68	10	33	49	1
Singapore	1	2	3	5	7	10	23	46	76	28	61	1
Sri Lanka	23	8	28	36	13	23	143	238	38	115	150	58
Syria	42	17	31	48	118	108	312	628	22	194	108	12
Thailand	49	40	48	88	78	35	157	407	15	18	130	36
United Arab Emirates	3	1	1	2	0	22	109	136	9	16	21	1
Vietnam	826	280	363	643	350	1,178	6,826	9,823	13	18	48	0
Yemen	133	23	32	55	16	167	39	410	2	3	6	0
Region Total for Asia	**6,079**	**2,097**	**7,161**	**9,258**	**8,398**	**13,728**	**43,048**	**80,511**	**9,911**	**13,795**	**20,899**	**2,302**
Europe												
Albania	10	1	1	2	0	429	2	443	9	0	12	0
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	13	7	5	12	0	10	2	37	45	22	204	0
Austria	3	1	2	3	4	3	7	20	62	19	21	3
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	16	15	17	3
Belarus	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	16	15	0
Belgium	4	2	1	3	1	2	6	16	109	26	40	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	0	2	2	1	5	10	20	9	8	10	0
Bulgaria	13	1	2	3	6	10	2	34	134	69	99	0
Croatia	3	1	7	8	2	14	14	41	32	39	51	9
Cyprus	6	0	0	0	1	1	8	16	8	5	8	0
Czech Republic	9	1	3	4	0	21	3	37	40	31	22	0
Denmark	2	0	3	3	4	4	0	13	75	11	29	0
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	3	3	4	4	0	13	75	11	29	0
Estonia	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	9	13	6	0
Finland	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	83	10	27	0
France	21	7	20	27	11	27	66	152	451	113	174	11
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	4	3	5	8	1	0	3	16	0	0	3	0

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Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Asia–Continued											
Mongolia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nepal	87	23	6	29	0	0	0	0	0	175	227
Oman	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
Pakistan	662	106	39	145	2	9	0	0	11	1,766	6,691
Philippines	6,209	343	169	512	6	6	0	0	12	7,471	24,826
Qatar	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	21
Saudi Arabia	50	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	96	164
Singapore	62	20	6	26	2	1	0	0	3	195	241
Sri Lanka	208	13	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	380	618
Syria	120	14	18	32	0	0	0	0	0	368	996
Thailand	166	16	26	42	0	0	0	0	0	241	648
United Arab Emirates	22	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	51	187
Vietnam	48	13	9	22	0	0	0	0	0	101	9,924
Yemen	6	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	16	426
Region Total for Asia	**23,201**	**1,355**	**1,939**	**3,294**	**305**	**1,034**	**1**	**103**	**1,443**	**51,644**	**132,155**
Europe											
Albania	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	465
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	204	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	278	315
Austria	24	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	113	133
Azerbaijan	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	58
Belarus	15	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	68	70
Belgium	42	3	2	5	4	0	0	0	4	186	202
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	31	51
Bulgaria	99	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	309	343
Croatia	60	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	178
Cyprus	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	22	38
Czech Republic	22	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	95	132
Denmark	29	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	126	139
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	126	139
Estonia	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	32
Finland	27	4	1	5	0	2	0	0	2	127	131
France	185	7	16	23	4	0	0	0	4	776	928
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19

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Foreign State	Family Preferences 1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	Employment Preferences 1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
Europe–Continued												
Martinique	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	25	12	26	38	12	27	71	173	453	113	177	11
Georgia	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	34	18	3	0
Germany	26	12	9	21	11	54	41	153	714	159	230	7
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	190	27	64	91	75	154	358	868	2,727	441	1,216	43
Anguilla	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	8	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	7	0	0	0	0	4	2	13	2	0	0	0
British Virgin Islands	4	2	4	6	0	1	4	15	0	0	0	2
Cayman Islands	2	0	5	5	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	14	2	3	5	10	5	11	45	0	0	0	12
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	8	0	0	0	1
Total	223	32	76	108	89	165	380	965	2,729	441	1,216	58
Greece	9	3	5	8	8	24	132	181	69	44	34	9
Hungary	13	0	2	2	1	5	14	35	110	54	37	2
Iceland	2	0	1	1	1	0	3	7	10	14	2	0
Ireland	8	1	4	5	2	11	12	38	100	20	59	2
Italy	20	18	14	32	14	27	107	200	187	60	160	18
Kazakhstan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	2	9	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	0
Latvia	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	11	12	1	5	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Lithuania	4	0	8	8	0	0	2	14	24	11	15	0
Luxembourg	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	3	6	0
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	3	4	19	23	4	29	135	194	11	5	16	0
Malta	1	0	0	0	1	6	9	17	9	1	0	0
Moldova	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	11	7	6	8
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Netherlands	9	5	11	16	2	11	12	50	200	51	106	9
Aruba	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	6	0	1	0	1
Netherlands Antilles	6	2	2	4	0	4	5	19	0	0	0	1
Total	16	7	14	21	2	15	21	75	200	52	106	11
Norway	4	1	2	3	0	0	0	7	47	17	18	0
Poland	514	66	410	476	147	2,218	392	3,747	158	139	1,181	70

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Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Europe--Continued											
Martinique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	188	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	4	782	955
Georgia	3	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	64	68
Germany	237	29	30	59	1	4	0	0	5	1,174	1,327
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,259	58	80	138	8	5	0	0	13	4,578	5,446
Anguilla	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Bermuda	0	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	9	22
British Virgin Islands	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	18
Cayman Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	12	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	59
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Total	1,274	65	85	150	8	5	0	0	13	4,607	5,572
Greece	43	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	165	346
Hungary	39	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	214	249
Iceland	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	35
Ireland	61	11	12	23	0	0	0	0	0	204	242
Italy	178	10	25	35	0	0	0	0	0	460	660
Kazakhstan	9	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	4	53	54
Kyrgyzstan	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Latvia	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	30
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Lithuania	15	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	56	70
Luxembourg	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	14
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	16	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	37	231
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	27
Moldova	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	37
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Netherlands	115	5	13	18	0	1	0	0	1	385	435
Aruba	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
Netherlands Antilles	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	21
Total	117	5	14	19	0	1	0	0	1	389	464
Norway	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	90
Poland	1,251	15	271	286	0	0	0	1	1	1,835	5,582

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Foreign State	Family Preferences 1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	Employment Preferences 1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
Europe–Continued												
Portugal	15	44	57	101	7	7	592	722	26	7	285	93
Macau	2	0	0	0	6	2	104	114	5	3	13	3
Total	17	44	57	101	13	9	696	836	31	10	298	96
Romania	60	2	17	19	3	133	152	367	64	105	237	3
Russia	48	8	18	26	1	33	3	111	1,089	741	352	5
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	20	15	31	46	13	54	100	233	62	55	73	11
Slovakia	2	1	2	3	1	9	1	16	17	18	23	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	8	8	5	0
Spain	7	5	13	18	1	16	32	74	114	32	51	12
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	5	13	18	1	16	32	74	114	32	51	12
Sweden	7	0	4	4	0	4	9	24	162	24	44	4
Switzerland	3	2	6	8	1	4	9	29 [2]	178	32	55	4
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Turkey	13	14	39	53	13	16	67	162	134	59	244	23
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Ukraine	20	1	15	16	2	24	3	65	175	91	115	1
Uzbekistan	4	0	0	0	2	4	0	10	16	5	7	0
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**1,155**	**263**	**820**	**1,083**	**363**	**3,399**	**2,449**	**8,453** [2]	**7,639**	**2,633**	**5,349**	**373**
North America												
Antigua and Barbuda	67	7	11	18	50	17	55	207	1	0	1	25
Bahamas	64	34	37	71	23	8	23	189	5	0	14	0
Barbados	109	14	12	26	60	33	58	286	6	3	9	90
Belize	84	20	23	43	65	50	71	313	4	1	7	41
Canada	194	33	84	117	36	221	365	933	3,474	1,103	1,384	17
Costa Rica	27	24	42	66	38	34	62	227	28	9	38	2
Cuba	883	21	40	61	41	165	153	1,303	7	3	11	0
Dominica	91	9	22	31	66	5	68	261	1	0	6	25
Dominican Republic	1,200	635	3,460	4,095	5,150	468	1,765	12,678	27	25	65	33
El Salvador	724	1,718	1,958	3,676	1,729	75	381	6,585	7	10	1,187	1,804
Grenada	135	15	11	26	35	16	70	282	0	1	16	92
Guatemala	273	670	808	1,478	546	76	311	2,684	14	10	299	579
Haiti	1,088	2,408	2,371	4,779	1,515	127	739	8,248	5	5	23	107
Honduras	529	422	522	944	504	172	247	2,396	11	3	152	153
Jamaica	2,752	278	1,029	1,307	1,515	402	1,972	7,948	35	27	139	524
Mexico	2,730	56,423	0	56,423	2,737	1,810	5,391	69,091	405	69	1,796	797
Nicaragua	290	188	222	410	168	91	163	1,122	12	1	141	176

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	Employment Preferences										
Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Europe–Continued											
Portugal	378	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	418	1,140
Macau	16	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	4	29	143
Total	394	5	3	8	0	3	0	1	4	447	1,283
Romania	240	27	72	99	0	0	0	0	0	508	875
Russia	357	18	30	48	8	14	0	0	22	2,257	2,368
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	84	6	26	32	0	0	0	0	0	233	466
Slovakia	23	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	59	75
Slovenia	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	25
Spain	63	5	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	236	310
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	63	5	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	236	310
Sweden	48	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	238	262
Switzerland	59	4	5	9	0	4	0	0	4	282	311 [2]
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Turkey	267	8	17	25	1	0	0	0	1	486	648
Turkmenistan	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Ukraine	116	17	50	67	0	0	0	0	0	449	514
Uzbekistan	7	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	33	43
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**5,722**	**288**	**751**	**1,039**	**27**	**38**	**0**	**2**	**67**	**17,100**	**25,553** [2]
North America											
Antigua and Barbuda	26	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	31	238
Bahamas	14	10	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	34	223
Barbados	99	10	4	14	0	0	0	0	0	122	408
Belize	48	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	59	372
Canada	1,401	80	126	206	9	0	0	4	13	6,197	7,130
Costa Rica	40	10	31	41	0	0	0	0	0	118	345
Cuba	11	16	34	50	0	0	0	0	0	71	1,374
Dominica	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	293
Dominican Republic	98	23	120	143	0	0	[illegible]	0	0	293	12,971
El Salvador	2,991	42	79	121	0	0	[illegible]	0	0	3,129	9,714
Grenada	108	2	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	122	404
Guatemala	878	33	59	92	0	0	0	0	0	994	3,678
Haiti	130	87	83	170	0	0	0	0	0	310	8,558
Honduras	305	13	30	43	0	0	0	0	0	362	2,758
Jamaica	663	94	272	366	0	0	0	0	0	1,091	9,039
Mexico	2,593	273	282	555	5	0	0	0	5	3,627	72,718
Nicaragua	317	24	28	52	0	0	0	0	0	382	1,504

Table V (Part I)
Immigrant Visas Issued and Adjustments of Status
Subject to Numerical Limitations (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

	Family Preferences								Employment Preferences			
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
North America–Continued												
Panama	137	22	43	65	52	45	71	370	9	10	34	17
Saint Kitts and Nevis	76	5	7	12	60	9	46	203	1	4	3	14
Saint Lucia	57	5	22	27	37	13	65	199	4	0	7	49
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	98	6	17	23	22	16	32	191	0	7	23	93
Trinidad and Tobago	615	126	159	285	168	347	453	1,868	31	51	266	917
Region Total for North America	**12,223**	**63,083**	**10,900**	**73,983**	**14,617**	**4,200**	**12,561**	**117,584**	**4,087**	**1,342**	**5,621**	**5,555**
Oceania												
Australia	9	3	5	8	5	21	4	47	314	61	138	3
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	3	5	8	5	21	4	47	314	61	138	3
Fiji	18	5	25	30	11	47	638	744	6	4	4	0
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	7	7	1	8	1	13	16	45	86	9	61	0
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	7	1	8	1	13	16	45	86	9	61	0
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Samoa	7	3	1	4	1	8	11	31	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	13	10	22	32	3	7	43	98	0	0	0	3
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Oceania	**54**	**28**	**54**	**82**	**21**	**96**	**713**	**966**	**407**	**74**	**203**	**6**
South America												
Argentina	52	36	30	66	21	33	90	262	205	103	238	62
Bolivia	58	38	77	115	50	18	44	285	24	8	337	156
Brazil	66	60	179	239	19	49	62	435	505	76	511	123
Chile	44	13	34	47	46	51	76	264	46	13	115	55
Colombia	841	173	427	600	467	356	907	3,171	117	67	416	247

Table V (Part II)
Immigrant Visas Issued and Adjustments of Status
Subject to Numerical Limitations (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
North America–Continued											
Panama	51	106	14	120	0	0	0	0	0	190	560
Saint Kitts and Nevis	17	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	25	228
Saint Lucia	56	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	66	265
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	116	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	133	324
Trinidad and Tobago	1,183	38	237	275	0	0	0	0	0	1,540	3,408
Region Total for North America	**11,176**	**869**	**1,436**	**2,305**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**18**	**18,928**	**136,512**
Oceania											
Australia	141	8	11	19	2	0	0	0	2	537	584
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	8	11	19	2	0	0	0	2	537	584
Fiji	4	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	25	769
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	61	2	13	15	0	0	0	0	0	171	216
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	61	2	13	15	0	0	0	0	0	171	216
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Samoa	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	33
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	3	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	11	109
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Oceania	**209**	**24**	**31**	**55**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**747**	**1,713**
South America											
Argentina	300	24	45	69	0	5	0	0	5	682	944
Bolivia	493	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	531	816
Brazil	634	30	113	143	5	2	4	0	11	1,369	1,804
Chile	170	3	20	23	4	0	0	0	4	256	520
Colombia	663	39	69	108	0	3	0	2	5	960	4,131

Table V (Part I)
Immigrant Visas Issued and Adjustments of Status
Subject to Numerical Limitations (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

	Family Preferences								Employment Preferences			
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Subject	2A Total	2B	3rd	4th	Family Pref. Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers
South America–Continued												
Ecuador	349	218	625	843	510	271	484	2,457	22	21	432	179
Guyana	1,224	69	378	447	552	1,058	1,318	4,599	26	9	86	385
Paraguay	1	15	4	19	7	0	11	38	1	1	28	37
Peru	591	220	400	620	514	254	670	2,649	57	91	430	306
Suriname	12	3	3	6	8	5	9	40	1	4	12	19
Uruguay	20	15	7	22	10	5	26	83	19	15	39	11
Venezuela	89	28	44	72	36	39	36	272	255	59	188	20
Region Total for South America	**3,347**	**885**	**2,208**	**3,096**	**2,240**	**2,139**	**3,733**	**14,555**	**1,278**	**467**	**2,832**	**1,600**
Grand Totals	**23,775**	**66,613**	**21,723**	**88,336**	**26,068**	**23,840**	**63,985**	**226,008** [2]	**24,080**	**19,068**	**36,504**	**10,002**

Table V (Part II)
Immigrant Visas Issued and Adjustments of Status
Subject to Numerical Limitations (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Employment Preferences

Foreign State	3rd Total	4th	4th Certain Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Employ. Creation	5th Target Employ. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
South America–Continued											
Ecuador	611	6	37	43	0	3	0	0	3	700	3,157
Guyana	471	9	91	100	0	0	0	0	0	606	5,205
Paraguay	65	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	106
Peru	736	21	46	67	1	0	0	0	1	952	3,601
Suriname	31	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	50	90
Uruguay	50	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	91	174
Venezuela	208	23	48	71	0	0	0	0	0	593	865
Region Total for South America	**4,432**	**165**	**487**	**652**	**10**	**13**	**4**	**2**	**29**	**6,858**	**21,413**
Grand Totals	**46,506**	**2,977**	**5,000**	**7,977**	**366**	**1,088**	**5**	**111**	**1,570**	**99,201**	**325,209** [2]

Note: See Appendix B for explanation of the immigrant visa categories used in this table.

In addition to the 325,209 numbers used for visa issuances or INS adjustments of status, 28 family preference numbers were charged for children admitted under INA 211(a) accompanying parents with family preference visas and 7 employment preference numbers were charged for children admitted under INA 211(a) accompanying parents with employment preference visas.

In accordance with INA 203(b)(6), the 90 special immigrants who were issued visas or adjusted status during FY–1996 under INA 101(a)(27)(K) (certain U.S. armed forces personnel) were charged against the FY–1997 employment preference limit, each of the first, second and third preferences was reduced by 30. FY–1997 per-country limits were reduced by the amount specified to compensate for such immigrants: Australia 2, Italy 1, Japan 14, and Philippines 73. For the Philippines chargeability, which was subject to the prorating provisions of INA 202(e), the reduction in the per-country limit was accomplished under the law as follows: the employment first preference was reduced by 25, and each of the second and third preferences was reduced by 24.

In accordance with Section 2(d) of the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 (P.L. 102–404), beginning with FY–1993, the China–mainland born limit will be reduced by 1,000 per fiscal year to compensate for issuances under that legislation.

Numbers assigned to issued visas that are not used are recaptured in accordance with Section 206 of the INA and can be used again for the issuance of other visas. Therefore, the total number of visas issued and adjustments of status may exceed a specified limitation.

For number use in the Diversity (DV) category, see Table VII.

[1] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[2] Includes 4 family preference numbers used for INS adjustments of status pursuant to enactment of a private bill.

Table VI (Part I)
Preference Visas Issued
Fiscal Year 1997

	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Africa																			
Algeria	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	13	1	0	2	0	2
Angola	0	0	0	2	0	2	7	0	7	0	0	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	0
Benin	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Botswana	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cameroon	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	2	7	0	7
Cape Verde	19	8	0	71	0	79	126	0	126	2	0	2	113	339	2	2	5	0	5
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	6	1	7
Cote d'Ivoire	2	1	0	6	0	7	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	2	0	2
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	31	21	0	59	0	80	46	0	46	98	0	98	610	865	45	28	61	3	64
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	15	0	0	8	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	43	2	0	27	0	29	19	0	19	10	0	10	8	109	3	0	12	1	13
Gabon	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Gambia	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ghana	312	32	0	76	0	108	47	0	47	37	0	37	30	534	3	2	33	3	36
Guinea	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	2
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kenya	4	1	0	1	0	2	6	0	6	9	0	9	193	214	3	2	9	2	11
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	111	16	0	6	0	22	9	0	9	13	0	13	6	161	0	6	7	5	12
Libya	2	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	6	14	0	0	2	0	2
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	7	4	0	3	0	3
Mali	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	2
Morocco	1	3	0	20	0	23	7	0	7	1	0	1	28	60	5	3	6	1	7

Table VI (Part II)
Preference Visas Issued
Fiscal Year 1997

	Employment Preferences																
	4th																
Foreign State	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR	4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Africa																	
Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	17
Angola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cameroon	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	18	28
Cape Verde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	348
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Congo, Dem Rep of the	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	14
Cote d'Ivoire	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	13	25
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	3	0	0	3	150	1,015
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Ethiopia	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	21	130
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Gambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ghana	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	57	591
Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kenya	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	232
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	31	192
Libya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Morocco	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	78

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	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Africa–Continued																			
Mozambique	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	11	20	0	0	1	2	3
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	63	15	0	100	0	115	22	0	22	14	0	14	20	234	15	30	132	8	140
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Senegal	8	0	0	9	0	9	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	73	0	0	16	0	16	8	0	8	2	0	2	2	101	0	0	8	1	9
Somalia	2	2	0	9	0	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	17	2	0	0	0	0
South Africa	8	2	0	3	0	5	8	0	8	23	0	23	122	166	43	6	142	3	145
Sudan	0	1	0	2	0	3	2	0	2	2	0	2	8	15	5	9	2	0	2
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tanzania	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	7	0	7	87	101	3	1	2	0	2
Togo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Uganda	4	0	0	2	0	2	5	0	5	10	0	10	89	110	2	2	5	0	5
Zambia	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	5	2	0	2	48	56	2	1	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	7	13	22	2	5	3	0	3
Region Total for Africa	**719**	**112**	**0**	**434**	**0**	**546**	**331**	**0**	**331**	**247**	**0**	**247**	**1,419**	**3,262**	**145**	**100**	**456**	**34**	**490**
Asia																			
Afghanistan	26	2	0	16	0	18	11	0	11	72	0	72	11	138	0	2	0	0	0
Bahrain	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	4	0	4	19	27	2	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	117	37	0	608	0	645	55	0	55	112	0	112	766	1,695	14	7	68	17	85
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Burma	27	7	0	11	0	18	64	0	64	60	0	60	389	558	1	2	4	0	4
Cambodia	72	2	0	8	0	10	6	0	6	64	0	64	53	205	1	0	4	0	4
China–mainland born	386	26	0	948	0	974	1,455	0	1,455	1,620	0	1,620	5,287	9,722	430	72	3,637	144	3,781
–Taiwan born	196	46	0	100	0	146	331	0	331	227	0	227	3,362	4,262	293	29	187	21	208

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	Employment Preferences																
	4th																
Foreign State	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR	4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Africa–Continued																	
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	210	444
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Senegal	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	28
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	113
Somalia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	20
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	196	362
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	31
Swaziland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Tanzania	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	108
Togo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Tunisia	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	14	16
Uganda	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	122
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	59
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	33
Region Total for Africa	**38**	**56**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**37**	**133**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**871**	**4,133**
Asia																	
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	140
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29
Bangladesh	5	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	40	0	0	0	0	0	146	1,841
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Burma	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	567
Cambodia	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	213
China–mainland born	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	20	24	132	0	9	165	4,468	14,190
–Taiwan born	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	32	105	391	0	67	563	1,125	5,387

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	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Asia–Continued																			
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	127	27	0	48	0	75	290	0	290	226	0	226	1,893	2,611	85	10	114	125	239
India	613	129	0	1,539	0	1,668	799	0	799	1,573	0	1,573	10,036	14,689	148	133	552	42	594
Indonesia	8	2	0	6	0	8	14	0	14	18	0	18	96	144	6	1	9	4	13
Iran	90	42	0	90	0	132	341	0	341	127	0	127	871	1,561	29	11	179	14	193
Iraq	38	6	0	37	0	43	22	0	22	113	0	113	234	450	14	12	30	1	31
Israel	23	7	0	7	0	14	9	0	9	43	0	43	119	208	32	6	52	8	60
Japan	13	2	0	22	0	24	7	0	7	20	0	20	31	95	258	4	87	8	95
Jordan	59	48	0	106	0	154	150	0	150	225	0	225	561	1,149	0	5	32	0	32
Korea, North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	109	55	0	109	0	164	299	0	299	266	0	266	2,749	3,587	22	5	351	486	837
Kuwait	23	10	0	29	0	39	17	0	17	41	0	41	60	180	3	7	14	1	15
Laos	30	3	0	8	0	11	2	0	2	7	0	7	41	91	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	85	14	0	69	0	83	230	0	230	184	0	184	443	1,025	6	3	57	10	67
Malaysia	1	5	0	13	0	18	6	0	6	10	0	10	86	121	9	7	21	10	31
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Nepal	1	0	0	13	0	13	1	0	1	8	0	8	26	49	6	1	19	3	22
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	7	2	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	238	370	0	901	0	1,271	240	0	240	309	0	309	2,479	4,537	73	22	125	0	125
Philippines	1,750	122	0	945	0	1,067	2,582	0	2,582	6,435	0	6,435	4,919	16,753	57	75	818	241	1,059
Qatar	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	1
Saudi Arabia	1	5	0	10	0	15	4	0	4	7	0	7	24	51	1	2	7	0	7
Singapore	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	9	0	9	23	38	10	1	4	1	5
Sri Lanka	17	2	0	17	0	19	9	0	9	23	0	23	138	206	3	7	45	21	66
Syria	31	6	0	26	0	32	94	0	94	103	0	103	303	563	15	5	35	2	37
Thailand	44	13	0	27	0	40	67	0	67	31	0	31	144	326	2	1	34	12	46
United Arab Emirates	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	22	0	22	105	131	8	12	14	0	14
Vietnam	739	221	0	342	0	563	318	0	318	1,164	0	1,164	6,522	9,306	0	2	23	0	23
Yemen	124	20	0	30	0	50	11	0	11	158	0	158	35	378	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Asia	**4,991**	**1,231**	**0**	**6,092**	**0**	**7,323**	**7,440**	**0**	**7,440**	**13,283**	**0**	**13,283**	**41,872**	**74,909**	**1,530**	**444**	**6,524**	**1,171**	**7,695**

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Foreign State	Employment Preferences																
	4th									4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR								
Asia-Continued																	
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	61	0	6	75	414	3,025
India	47	43	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	156	4	0	0	0	4	1,035	15,724
Indonesia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	11	0	0	15	38	182
Iran	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	4	242	1,803
Iraq	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	62	512
Israel	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	24	4	5	0	0	9	131	339
Japan	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14	4	3	0	0	7	378	473
Jordan	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	2	50	1,199
Korea, North	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	41
Korea, South	109	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	201	13	279	0	18	310	1,375	4,962
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	205
Laos	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	100
Lebanon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	3	82	1,107
Malaysia	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	52	173
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nepal	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	48	97
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Pakistan	3	91	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	104	0	9	0	0	9	333	4,870
Philippines	58	163	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	243	0	0	0	0	0	1,434	18,187
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	61
Singapore	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	19	57
Sri Lanka	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	84	290
Syria	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	68	631
Thailand	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	56	382
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	38	169
Vietnam	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	35	9,341
Yemen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378
Region Total for Asia	**304**	**404**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**229**	**942**	**174**	**900**	**0**	**100**	**1,174**	**11,785**	**86,694**

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	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Europe																			
Albania	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	425	0	425	2	438	6	0	2	0	2
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	9	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	9	2	23	11	11	115	0	115
Austria	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	3	3	0	3	7	16	9	2	4	0	4
Azerbaijan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	4	3	4	3	7
Belarus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	10
Belgium	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	15	1	4	0	4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	9	16	0	0	5	0	5
Bulgaria	11	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	4	9	0	9	2	28	21	2	17	0	17
Croatia	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	6	0	6	13	24	5	0	8	0	8
Cyprus	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	11	0	1	2	0	2
Czech Republic	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	10	2	15	6	2	6	0	6
Denmark	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	8	1	0	5	0	5
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	17	0	4	0	4
France	5	1	0	10	0	11	6	0	6	21	0	21	64	107	53	16	25	1	26
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	4	2	0	3	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	13	0	0	3	0	3
Martinique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre & Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2	0	0	0
Germany	14	4	0	4	0	8	5	0	5	38	0	38	35	100	106	12	58	2	60
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	100	8	0	28	0	36	57	0	57	137	0	137	316	646	416	52	367	4	371
Anguilla	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	9	0	0	0	0	0
British Virgin Islands	3	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	11	0	0	0	2	2

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	Employment Preferences																
	4th																
Foreign State	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR	4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Europe																	
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	446
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	138	161
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	31
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	20
Belarus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	13
Belgium	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	23	31
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	24
Bulgaria	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	47	75
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	38
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	29
Denmark	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	19
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	23
France	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	0	0	1	102	209
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16
Martinique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pierre & Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	20	21
Germany	6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	1	1	0	0	2	202	302
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	43	0	1	0	0	1	883	1,529
Anguilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Bermuda	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
British Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13

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	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Europe–Continued																			
Cayman Islands	2	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	9	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	4	0	4	11	34	0	0	0	0	0
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	5	1	0	2	0	3	6	0	6	20	0	20	121	155	1	2	9	3	12
Hungary	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	13	21	4	7	6	0	6
Iceland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	3	2	0	0	0
Ireland	7	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	7	0	7	12	29	9	2	27	0	27
Italy	9	5	0	8	0	13	4	0	4	17	0	17	96	139	44	5	40	3	43
Kazakhstan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	4
Latvia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	9	1	0	2	1	3
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	0	2	0	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	2	1	0	18	0	19	4	0	4	25	0	25	133	183	2	0	5	0	5
Malta	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	6	9	17	3	0	0	0	0
Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	4	0	3	0	3
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	4	3	0	1	0	4	2	0	2	8	0	8	10	28	24	3	10	0	10
Aruba	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands Antilles	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	5	14	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	4	4	0	4
Poland	381	32	0	308	0	340	101	0	101	2,131	0	2,131	349	3,302	20	4	517	15	532
Portugal	5	15	0	32	0	47	5	0	5	7	0	7	570	634	6	0	35	22	57
Macau	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	2	0	2	102	111	4	0	0	3	3
Romania	44	1	0	12	0	13	1	0	1	130	0	130	149	337	4	4	81	1	82
Russia	30	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	26	0	26	1	62	197	89	41	0	41
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Foreign State	4th SD	4th SE	4th SF	4th SG	4th SH	4th SJ	4th SK	4th SL	4th SR	4th Total	Employment Preferences: 5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Europe–Continued																	
Cayman Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	36
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Greece	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	19	174
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	39
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	68
Italy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	94	233
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	190
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	20
Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	41	69
Aruba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Netherlands Antilles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	24
Poland	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	54	0	0	0	1	1	611	3,913
Portugal	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	65	699
Macau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	11	122
Romania	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	54	0	0	0	0	0	144	481
Russia	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	3	10	0	0	13	350	412
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Foreign State	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Europe–Continued																			
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	10	2	0	12	0	14	5	0	5	43	0	43	80	152	5	2	20	0	20
Slovakia	2	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	5	0	5	1	12	4	0	5	0	5
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	2	1	0	3	0	4	1	0	1	11	0	11	25	43	22	5	11	4	15
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	16	35	5	11	0	11
Switzerland	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	6	12	35	3	14	4	18
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Turkey	11	7	0	25	0	32	6	0	6	16	0	16	65	130	59	7	146	15	161
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Ukraine	9	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	18	0	18	2	37	16	17	23	0	23
Uzbekistan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	0	2
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**745**	**86**	**0**	**514**	**0**	**600**	**238**	**0**	**238**	**3,174**	**0**	**3,174**	**2,253**	**7,010**	**1,210**	**273**	**1,657**	**83**	**1,740**
North America																			
Antigua and Barbuda	46	2	0	8	0	10	43	0	43	10	0	10	53	162	0	0	0	8	8
Bahamas	12	3	0	7	0	10	6	0	6	8	0	8	15	51	0	0	5	0	5
Barbados	58	4	0	6	0	10	43	0	43	30	0	30	51	192	4	0	2	23	25
Belize	54	5	0	11	0	16	48	0	48	49	0	49	63	230	0	0	5	1	6
Canada	121	6	0	50	0	56	22	0	22	174	0	174	345	718	651	260	141	9	150
Costa Rica	16	5	0	16	0	21	24	0	24	31	0	31	51	143	0	0	8	0	8
Cuba	835	0	0	13	0	13	23	0	23	113	0	113	86	1,070	5	0	0	0	0
Dominica	86	8	0	13	0	21	65	0	65	5	0	5	66	243	0	0	0	9	9
Dominican Republic	1,108	545	0	3,254	0	3,799	5,072	0	5,072	410	0	410	1,743	12,132	1	4	17	2	19
El Salvador	385	602	0	1,101	0	1,703	1,079	0	1,079	47	0	47	295	3,509	0	0	234	389	623
Grenada	94	8	0	5	0	13	22	0	22	9	0	9	57	195	0	0	1	23	24
Guatemala	124	134	0	429	0	563	330	0	330	34	0	34	267	1,318	0	0	49	97	146
Haiti	694	2,097	0	1,941	0	4,038	1,362	0	1,362	87	0	87	677	6,858	2	0	1	43	44
Honduras	349	222	0	328	0	550	380	0	380	140	0	140	216	1,635	1	0	33	54	87
Jamaica	2,357	194	0	883	0	1,077	1,395	0	1,395	337	0	337	1,863	7,029	2	2	42	147	189

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Foreign State	Employment Preferences																
	4th									4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SK	SL	SR								
Europe–Continued																	
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	35	187
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Spain	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	87
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	52	68
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	3	62	74
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Turkey	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	237	367
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Ukraine	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	69	106
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	13
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**85**	**30**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**158**	**275**	**5**	**19**	**0**	**2**	**26**	**3,524**	**10,534**
North America																	
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	171
Bahamas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	56
Barbados	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	37	229
Belize	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	236
Canada	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	52	1	0	0	0	1	1,114	1,832
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	15	158
Cuba	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	42	0	0	0	0	0	47	1,117
Dominica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	252
Dominican Republic	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	38	12,170
El Salvador	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	643	4,152
Grenada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	219
Guatemala	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	150	1,468
Haiti	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	41	0	0	0	0	0	87	6,945
Honduras	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	103	1,738
Jamaica	20	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	72	0	0	0	0	0	265	7,294

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	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
North America-Continued																			
Mexico	1,119	26,913	0	0	0	26,913	1,282	0	1,282	1,593	0	1,593	4,580	35,487	36	2	207	53	260
Nicaragua	106	27	0	78	0	105	82	0	82	38	0	38	90	421	1	0	13	16	29
Panama	91	8	0	30	0	38	40	0	40	32	0	32	56	257	4	1	8	0	8
Saint Kitts and Nevis	50	4	0	5	0	9	57	0	57	9	0	9	46	171	0	1	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	45	4	0	9	0	13	29	0	29	11	0	11	64	162	0	0	1	10	11
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	64	1	0	10	0	11	18	0	18	10	0	10	29	132	0	0	6	15	21
Trinidad and Tobago	434	49	0	85	0	134	119	0	119	276	0	276	371	1,334	2	1	42	175	217
Region Total for North America	**8,248**	**30,841**	**0**	**8,282**	**0**	**39,123**	**11,541**	**0**	**11,541**	**3,453**	**0**	**3,453**	**11,084**	**73,449**	**709**	**271**	**815**	**1,074**	**1,889**
Oceania																			
Australia	1	2	0	3	0	5	2	0	2	11	0	11	4	23	42	6	42	1	43
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	14	0	0	12	0	12	10	0	10	47	0	47	612	695	0	1	3	0	3
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	5	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	11	0	11	16	38	5	1	15	0	15
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Samoa	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	6	10	18	0	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	8	0	0	17	0	17	2	0	2	2	0	2	39	68	0	0	0	3	3
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table VI (Part II)
Preference Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

	Employment Preferences																
	4th									4th	5th	5th	5th	5th	5th	Employment	
Foreign State	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR	Total	Employment Creation	Target Employment	Regional Pilot Program	Regional Target Areas	Total	Preference Total	Grand Total
North America–Continued																	
Mexico	30	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	73	2	0	0	0	2	373	35,860
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	451
Panama	10	52	6	37	0	0	0	0	5	110	0	0	0	0	0	123	380
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	172
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	173
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	26	158
Trinidad and Tobago	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	53	0	0	0	0	0	273	1,607
Region Total for North America	**150**	**109**	**6**	**37**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**215**	**517**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3,389**	**76,838**
Oceania																	
Australia	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	101	124
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	15	710
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	27	65
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table VI (Part I)
Preference Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

	Family Preferences														Employment Preferences				
Foreign State	1st	2A Exempt	2A Exempt (Cond)	2A Subject	2A Subject (Cond)	2A Total	2B	2B (Cond)	2B Total	3rd	3rd (Cond)	3rd Total	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Oceania–Continued																			
Region Total for Oceania	**29**	**8**	**0**	**32**	**0**	**40**	**15**	**0**	**15**	**77**	**0**	**77**	**682**	**843**	**48**	**8**	**60**	**4**	**64**
South America																			
Argentina	11	8	0	5	0	13	13	0	13	22	0	22	70	129	23	8	20	15	35
Bolivia	23	8	0	33	0	41	22	0	22	17	0	17	33	136	2	2	52	21	73
Brazil	33	10	0	70	0	80	9	0	9	24	0	24	50	196	73	3	33	19	52
Chile	13	4	0	11	0	15	29	0	29	41	0	41	53	151	7	3	10	12	22
Colombia	577	43	0	192	0	235	370	0	370	301	0	301	837	2,320	10	2	62	51	113
Ecuador	273	147	0	525	0	672	422	0	422	244	0	244	452	2,063	2	0	206	77	283
Guyana	1,067	22	0	317	0	339	486	0	486	1,022	0	1,022	1,264	4,178	1	0	12	97	109
Paraguay	1	9	0	2	0	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	9	24	0	0	10	11	21
Peru	406	73	0	245	0	318	407	0	407	187	0	187	593	1,911	7	2	126	56	182
Suriname	11	2	0	2	0	4	5	0	5	5	0	5	9	34	0	0	0	1	1
Uruguay	10	0	0	4	0	4	8	0	8	4	0	4	20	46	0	3	6	0	6
Venezuela	28	7	0	17	0	24	29	0	29	16	0	16	27	124	26	1	19	3	22
Region Total for South America	**2,453**	**333**	**0**	**1,423**	**0**	**1,756**	**1,803**	**0**	**1,803**	**1,883**	**0**	**1,883**	**3,417**	**11,312**	**151**	**24**	**556**	**363**	**919**
Grand Totals	**17,185**	**32,611**	**0**	**16,777**	**0**	**49,388**	**21,368**	**0**	**21,368**	**22,117**	**0**	**22,117**	**60,727**	**170,785**	**3,793**	**1,120**	**10,068**	**2,729**	**12,797**

Table VI (Part II)
Preference Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

	Employment Preferences																
	4th																
Foreign State	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SJ	SK	SL	SR	4th Total	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Oceania–Continued																	
Region Total for Oceania	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**10**	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**147**	**990**
South America																	
Argentina	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	19	0	0	0	0	0	85	214
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	213
Brazil	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	0	0	4	0	4	140	336
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	183
Colombia	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	142	2,462
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	290	2,353
Guyana	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	121	4,299
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	45
Peru	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	18	0	0	0	0	0	209	2,120
Suriname	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	38
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	56
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	51	175
Region Total for South America	**26**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**52**	**84**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**1,182**	**12,494**
Grand Totals	**618**	**603**	**6**	**37**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**0**	**701**	**1,978**	**182**	**922**	**4**	**102**	**1,210**	**20,898**	**191,683**

Note: In addition to the 191,683 immigrant visas issued in the preference categories, 47 visas were issued during FY–1997 in the "SM" special immigrant category (certain U.S. armed forces personnel and their families); the foreign state breakdown of such issuances is: Australia 1, Ireland 1, Japan 11, Philippines 34.

* Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Foreign State	1995	1996	1997
Africa			
Algeria	511	669	321
Angola	19	10	11
Benin	7	14	29
Botswana	4	0	5
Burkina Faso	0	1	4
Burundi	7	7	1
Cameroon	312	344	546
Cape Verde	66	112	69
Central African Republic	0	11	5
Chad	5	7	8
Comoros	1	1	0
Congo, Republic of the	6	0	3
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	97	86	76
Cote d'Ivoire	102	140	119
Djibouti	7	10	5
Egypt	3,081	2,087	1,930
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0
Eritrea	484	279	652
Ethiopia	3,539	3,272	3,051
Gabon	3	10	2
Gambia	66	77	38
Ghana	2,265	3,850	2,720
Guinea	76	64	55
Guinea-Bissau	3	0	0
Kenya	862	544	505
Lesotho	0	0	1
Liberia	320	423	570
Libya	56	40	11
Madagascar	13	14	19
Malawi	17	23	46
Mali	60	51	53
Mauritania	4	2	3
Mauritius	32	27	15
Morocco	769	383	1,270
Mozambique	11	7	4
Namibia	4	2	0
Niger	2	10	6
Nigeria	3,852	3,858	3,750
Rwanda	10	20	15
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	3
Senegal	392	264	181
Seychelles	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	429	1,026	867
Somalia	351	301	226
South Africa	953	694	369
Sudan	692	1,002	699

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Foreign State	1995	1996	1997
Africa–Continued			
Swaziland	1	0	2
Tanzania	322	214	185
Togo	40	100	120
Tunisia	88	95	50
Uganda	196	189	143
Zambia	60	55	98
Zimbabwe	117	117	66
Africa Total	**20,314**	**20,512**	**18,928**
Asia			
Afghanistan	132	69	56
Bahrain	5	0	2
Bangladesh	3,288	2,943	3,362
Bhutan	0	0	1
Brunei	0	0	0
Burma	141	140	204
Cambodia	32	26	5
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	328	250	375
Indonesia	71	89	98
Iran	281	280	326
Iraq	41	34	45
Israel	36	56	24
Japan	134	230	297
Jordan	71	46	28
Korea, North	12	3	2
Kuwait	16	19	14
Laos	1	4	1
Lebanon	56	38	37
Malaysia	45	60	36
Maldives	0	0	0
Mongolia	3	0	0
Nepal	74	82	102
Oman	1	3	1
Pakistan	1,823	1,426	1,365
Qatar	0	1	1
Saudi Arabia	13	12	5
Singapore	1	13	10
Sri Lanka	200	187	281
Syria	23	56	26
Thailand	20	45	31
United Arab Emirates	6	18	2
Yemen	10	34	20
Asia Total	**6,864**	**6,164**	**6,757**

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Foreign State	1995	1996	1997
Europe			
Albania	672	2,487	3,850
Andorra	0	0	0
Armenia	766	1,331	1,090
Austria	139	86	97
Azerbaijan	232	256	181
Belarus	259	304	286
Belgium	122	101	68
Bosnia and Herzegovina	112	83	70
Bulgaria	1,355	772	2,224
Croatia	213	169	119
Cyprus	32	28	24
Czech Republic	124	108	115
Denmark	108	60	53
Greenland	0	0	0
Estonia	60	51	46
Finland	157	189	77
France	508	343	291
French Guiana	1	0	0
French Polynesia	2	0	3
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	2	0	0
Martinique	0	1	2
New Caledonia	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0
Georgia	148	264	133
Germany	998	1,038	1,074
Greece	171	127	76
Hungary	226	251	172
Iceland	32	51	29
Ireland	481	518	459
Italy	413	282	262
Kazakhstan	82	217	129
Kyrgyzstan	34	33	24
Latvia	118	82	97
Liechtenstein	0	4	1
Lithuania	436	525	484
Luxembourg	2	9	4
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	106	256	172
Malta	15	1	3
Moldova	153	192	102
Monaco	1	0	0
Netherlands	241	186	124
[illegible]	2	0	1
[illegible] lands Antilles	7	6	6

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Foreign State	1995	1996	1997
Europe–Continued			
Northern Ireland [1]	100	79	47
Norway	100	90	23
Poland	3,851	3,849	3,838
Portugal	576	227	168
Macau	141	157	85
Romania	2,727	1,933	2,667
Russia	2,581	2,165	1,937
San Marino	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [2]	812	489	400
Slovakia	406	419	465
Slovenia	16	17	18
Spain	222	151	107
Western Sahara	0	0	0
Sweden	234	284	140
Switzerland	209	202	394
Tajikistan	51	26	42
Turkey	1,404	1,556	1,613
Turkmenistan	5	23	21
Ukraine	2,147	2,195	1,982
Uzbekistan	177	232	183
Vatican City	0	0	0
Europe Total	**24,289**	**24,505**	**26,078**
North America			
Bahamas	6	10	9
North America Total	**6**	**10**	**9**
Oceania			
Australia	191	103	132
Christmas Island	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0
Fiji	494	538	460
Kiribati	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0
New Zealand	79	51	80
Cook Islands	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	1	0	0
Samoa	2	1	0

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Foreign State	1995	1996	1997
Oceania–Continued			
Solomon Islands	0	0	0
Tonga	33	14	40
Tuvalu	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0
Oceania Total	**800**	**707**	**712**
South America, Central America and the Caribbean			
Antigua and Barbuda	2	7	1
Argentina	49	92	94
Barbados	10	10	5
Belize	2	0	8
Bolivia	41	61	50
Brazil	194	219	213
Chile	24	42	36
Colombia [3]	318	-	2
Costa Rica	26	6	16
Cuba	166	358	1,014
Dominica	6	11	8
Ecuador	281	234	224
Grenada	31	13	6
Guatemala	170	75	103
Guyana	167	63	47
Haiti	181	72	46
Honduras	68	71	34
Nicaragua	116	135	75
Panama	13	15	10
Paraguay	7	11	3
Peru	468	434	293
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	4	6	3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	7	2	4
Suriname	25	5	6
Trinidad and Tobago	253	164	106
Uruguay	19	18	10
Venezuela	137	140	126
South America, Central America and the Caribbean Total	**2,785**	**2,264**	**2,543**
Grand Total	**55,058**	**54,162**	**55,027**

Table VII
Immigrant Number Use
for Visa Issuances and Adjustments of Status
in the Diversity Immigrant Category (Continued)
Fiscal Years 1995 – 1997

Note: Numbers assigned to issued visas that are not used are recaptured in accordance with Section 206 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and can be used again for the issuance of other visas. Therefore, the total of visas issued and adjustments of status may exceed a specified numerical limitation.

[1] In accordance with Section 203(c)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, for purposes of administering the diversity program, Northern Ireland is treated as a separate foreign state.

[2] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[3] Colombia did not qualify for the FY-1996 or FY-1997 Diversity Visa Program. Diversity Visa numbers were allocated under Section 637 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (P.L. 104-208) for the adjustment of status of 2 Diversity Immigrant applicants chargeable to Colombia whose applications for permanent residence under the FY-1995 Diversity Visa Program were not approved because immigrant visa numbers had become unavailable before the close of that fiscal year.

Table VIII
Immediate Relative Visas Issued
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Spouse of U.S. Citizen IR-1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen (Conditional) CR-1	Child of U.S. Citizen IR-2	Child of U.S. Citizen (Conditional) CR-2	Orphan Adopted Abroad by U.S. Citizen IR-3	Orphan to be Adopted in U.S. by Citizen IR-4	Parent of U.S. Citizen at Least 21 Years of Age IR-5	Parent of U.S. Citizen who Acquired Status Under P.L. 97-271 VI-5	Widow(er) of U.S. Citizen IW-1	Child of Widow(er) of U.S. Citizen IW-2	Total
Africa											
Algeria	7	29	0	3	0	1	22	0	0	0	62
Angola	2	4	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	15
Benin	4	4	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Botswana	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Burkina Faso	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burundi	2	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	10
Cameroon	16	32	30	4	0	0	37	0	0	0	119
Cape Verde	15	12	182	65	0	1	155	0	0	0	430
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Comoros	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Congo, Republic of the	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	9	17	32	3	1	0	8	0	0	0	70
Cote d'Ivoire	6	8	39	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	65
Djibouti	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12
Egypt	211	515	226	24	0	0	398	0	1	0	1,375
Equatorial Guinea	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Eritrea	23	73	50	2	1	3	37	0	0	0	189
Ethiopia	72	514	409	20	50	32	199	0	0	0	1,296
Gabon	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Gambia	5	6	8	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	26
Ghana	138	134	638	37	1	8	118	0	0	0	1,074
Guinea	2	4	9	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	21
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenya	14	38	31	16	6	0	41	0	0	0	146
Lesotho	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Liberia	20	28	254	34	27	11	84	0	0	0	458
Libya	3	25	8	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	55
Madagascar	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Malawi	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mali	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6

Table VIII
Immediate Relative Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	Spouse of U.S. Citizen IR-1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen (Conditional) CR-1	Child of U.S. Citizen IR-2	Child of U.S. Citizen (Conditional) CR-2	Orphan Adopted Abroad by U.S. Citizen IR-3	Orphan to be Adopted in U.S. by Citizen IR-4	Parent of U.S. Citizen at Least 21 Years of Age IR-5	Parent of U.S. Citizen who Acquired Status Under P.L. 97-271 VI-5	Widow(er) of U.S. Citizen IW-1	Child of Widow(er) of U.S. Citizen IW-2	Total
Africa–Continued											
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
Morocco	48	256	28	9	0	2	164	0	0	0	507
Mozambique	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Niger	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Nigeria	458	345	649	14	4	11	893	0	0	0	2,374
Rwanda	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senegal	37	47	41	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	137
Seychelles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sierra Leone	17	24	219	19	2	0	82	0	0	0	363
Somalia	18	24	12	12	2	1	65	0	0	0	134
South Africa	63	75	24	6	0	2	84	0	0	0	254
Sudan	30	33	25	0	1	0	38	0	0	0	127
Swaziland	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Tanzania	6	19	3	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	64
Togo	2	6	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	14
Tunisia	9	18	2	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	36
Uganda	4	9	17	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	46
Zambia	7	7	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	25
Zimbabwe	9	17	5	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	38
Region Total for Africa	**2,280**	**2,358**	**2,968**	**296**	**104**	**78**	**2,552**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**9,637**
Asia											
Afghanistan	102	168	38	0	0	7	109	0	0	0	424
Bahrain	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Bangladesh	720	459	718	9	0	4	1,463	0	0	0	3,373

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Asia–Continued											
Bhutan	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brunei	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burma	10	62	22	1	0	0	118	0	0	0	213
Cambodia	31	625	57	88	3	63	158	0	0	0	1,025
China–mainland born	581	2,192	345	385	3,242	355	6,132	0	0	0	13,232
–Taiwan born	146	161	138	22	9	10	874	0	2	0	1,362
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	87	105	64	17	10	11	219	0	2	0	515
India	1,494	2,524	1,080	71	34	315	6,684	0	0	0	12,202
Indonesia	44	99	15	6	3	1	69	0	0	0	237
Iran	216	609	101	41	1	8	2,849	0	4	0	3,829
Iraq	21	208	24	21	0	0	394	0	0	0	668
Israel	107	167	59	3	4	0	357	0	0	0	697
Japan	535	638	73	24	17	28	57	0	5	0	1,377
Jordan	177	756	328	29	0	1	712	0	0	0	2,003
Korea, North	2	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	41
Korea, South	228	675	197	83	17	1,637	476	0	1	2	3,316
Kuwait	38	145	23	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	210
Laos	22	55	46	3	0	1	94	0	0	0	221
Lebanon	136	470	123	15	1	13	525	0	0	0	1,283
Malaysia	32	58	19	14	1	0	53	0	0	0	177
Maldives	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Nepal	5	24	2	7	17	0	12	0	0	0	67
Oman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pakistan	952	582	1,127	0	0	13	1,189	0	2	0	3,865
Philippines	2,533	3,176	5,541	621	19	144	7,918	0	19	0	19,971
Qatar	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Saudi Arabia	26	37	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Singapore	26	30	6	6	1	0	14	0	0	0	83
Sri Lanka	29	52	22	2	1	4	71	0	0	0	181

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Asia–Continued											
Syria	71	262	50	4	0	0	427	0	0	0	814
Thailand	111	247	134	68	1	62	117	0	1	0	741
United Arab Emirates	4	11	23	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	42
Vietnam	1,124	1,799	743	109	283	142	1,945	0	0	0	6,145
Yemen	234	197	1,073	1	0	0	30	0	14	0	1,549
Region Total for Asia	**9,853**	**16,610**	**12,225**	**1,656**	**3,664**	**2,819**	**33,113**	**0**	**50**	**2**	**79,992**
Europe											
Albania	78	93	32	11	12	0	81	0	1	0	308
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	12	61	11	4	3	0	19	0	0	0	110
Austria	45	40	6	4	0	0	11	0	0	0	106
Azerbaijan	1	11	2	2	0	0	22	0	0	0	38
Belarus	10	24	12	11	48	1	31	0	0	0	137
Belgium	45	69	15	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	140
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	42	1	6	0	0	29	0	0	0	81
Bulgaria	18	116	17	28	58	90	47	0	0	0	374
Croatia	6	29	7	4	2	0	35	0	0	0	83
Cyprus	19	15	6	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	47
Czech Republic	27	101	6	8	0	0	24	0	0	0	166
Denmark	50	86	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	145
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	5	12	6	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	31
Finland	22	73	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	103
France	193	198	39	12	0	0	34	0	3	0	479
French Guiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Europe–Continued											
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Martinique	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
New Caledonia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reunion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	1	14	0	1	10	11	11	0	0	0	48
Germany	803	770	156	108	0	0	78	0	2	0	1,917
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	663	742	152	67	2	8	141	0	1	0	1,776
Anguilla	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Bermuda	14	13	5	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	41
British Virgin Islands	0	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	10
Cayman Islands	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Falkland Islands	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	3	0	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	19
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Greece	94	141	37	3	1	0	51	0	1	0	328
Hungary	30	106	15	15	72	0	39	0	0	0	277
Iceland	8	19	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	36
Ireland	46	51	26	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	137
Italy	152	132	33	4	0	0	77	0	0	0	398
Kazakhstan	2	32	1	11	23	3	3	0	0	0	75
Kyrgyzstan	0	16	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
Latvia	2	13	4	9	53	55	7	0	0	0	143

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Europe–Continued											
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	6	28	5	18	77	1	14	0	0	0	149
Luxembourg	1	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	29	122	65	9	3	0	78	0	0	0	306
Malta	5	6	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	18
Moldova	4	11	0	6	34	9	13	0	0	0	77
Monaco	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	93	99	10	8	0	0	21	0	0	0	231
Aruba	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Netherlands Antilles	7	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18
Norway	51	70	12	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	144
Poland	242	207	418	111	77	1	412	0	0	0	1,468
Portugal	39	90	34	10	0	4	54	0	0	0	231
Macau	6	5	2	6	0	0	14	0	0	0	33
Romania	62	436	77	79	317	304	168	0	0	0	1,443
Russia	49	344	60	186	3,536	280	170	0	0	0	4,625
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	47	214	55	2	9	1	206	0	0	0	534
Slovakia	8	44	9	10	0	6	10	0	0	0	87
Slovenia	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Spain	115	176	23	15	0	0	24	0	0	0	353
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	73	167	12	15	0	0	10	0	1	0	278
Switzerland	95	85	21	6	0	0	11	0	0	0	218
Tajikistan	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Turkey	102	239	99	33	1	0	187	0	0	0	661
Turkmenistan	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Ukraine	24	133	41	100	52	7	92	0	0	0	449
Uzbekistan	0	17	3	11	2	1	10	0	0	0	44
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Europe–Continued											
Region Total for Europe	**3,417**	**5,536**	**1,591**	**972**	**4,392**	**234**	**2,304**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**19,005**
North America											
Antigua and Barbuda	7	3	26	3	1	0	40	0	0	0	80
Bahamas	16	16	12	4	0	0	10	0	0	0	58
Barbados	14	26	43	11	0	0	31	0	0	0	125
Belize	17	14	66	11	1	2	50	0	1	0	162
Canada	521	343	167	19	0	1	97	0	4	0	1,152
Costa Rica	71	153	83	55	20	2	41	0	0	0	425
Cuba	60	224	330	63	1	0	204	0	0	0	882
Dominica	16	11	95	5	0	0	61	0	0	0	188
Dominican Republic	1,984	1,149	3,900	612	18	1	1,545	0	1	0	9,210
El Salvador	293 [2]	197	1,240	232	3	2	3,258	0	0	0	5,225 [2]
Grenada	14	16	85	14	0	0	33	0	0	0	162
Guatemala	126	137	525	52	234	554	460	0	0	0	2,088
Haiti	484	152	1,302	28	20	122	1,119	0	0	0	3,227
Honduras	227	277	1,254	260	26	0	667	0	2	0	2,713
Jamaica	492	675	2,170	706	11	20	1,004	0	0	0	5,078
Mexico	3,231	970	4,317	144	149	3	11,517	0	8	0	20,339
Nicaragua	69	136	277	131	13	0	306	0	0	0	932
Panama	169	366	158	113	17	1	122	0	3	1	950
Saint Kitts and Nevis	8	6	44	2	0	0	22	0	0	0	82
Saint Lucia	9	22	66	18	2	0	41	0	0	0	158
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8	15	48	17	1	0	38	0	0	0	127
Trinidad and Tobago	125	216	483	200	0	3	231	0	0	0	1,258
Region Total for North America	**7,961 [2]**	**5,124**	**16,691**	**2,700**	**517**	**711**	**20,897**	**0**	**19**	**1**	**54,621 [2]**

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Oceania											
Australia	193	226	51	19	0	0	11	0	0	0	500
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Fiji	15	114	16	11	0	1	90	0	0	0	247
Kiribati	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	83	89	8	7	0	0	9	0	3	0	199
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
Papua New Guinea	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Samoa	8	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17
Solomon Islands	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tonga	5	7	16	3	0	0	10	0	0	0	41
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Oceania	**308**	**444**	**97**	**40**	**2**	**2**	**123**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1,019**
South America											
Argentina	52	55	28	8	0	0	74	0	0	0	217
Bolivia	43	57	68	35	77	0	102	0	0	0	382
Brazil	130	171	130	65	88	3	87	0	0	0	674
Chile	52	118	55	14	5	36	54	0	0	0	334
Colombia	445	875	959	605	233	0	1,192	0	3	2	4,314
Ecuador	297	438	695	252	42	1	745	0	3	0	2,473

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South America–Continued											
Guyana	164	297	417	113	2	6	674	0	1	0	1,674
Paraguay	13	16	16	3	33	0	10	0	0	0	91
Peru	287	776	732	509	14	0	1,302	0	0	0	3,620
Suriname	2	2	11	3	0	0	8	0	1	0	27
Uruguay	17	38	13	3	0	0	16	0	0	0	87
Venezuela	119	127	206	41	3	5	106	0	0	0	607
Region Total for South America	**1,621**	**2,970**	**3,330**	**1,651**	**497**	**51**	**4,370**	**0**	**8**	**2**	**14,500**
Grand Totals	**24,440** [2]	**33,042**	**36,902**	**7,315**	**9,176**	**4,445**	**63,359**	**0**	**90**	**5**	**178,774** [2]

[1] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[2] Includes 1 visa issued under the provisions of Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the INA (self-petition for immediate relative classification by battered and/or abused spouse of U.S. citizen).

Table IX
Special Immigrant Visas Issued
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Foreign State	SB	SC-1	SC-2	Total
Africa				
Algeria	0	0	0	0
Angola	0	0	0	0
Benin	0	0	0	0
Botswana	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0
Burundi	0	0	0	0
Cameroon	1	0	0	1
Cape Verde	2	0	0	2
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0
Chad	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	0	0	0	0
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	0	0	0	0
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0
Djibouti	0	0	0	0
Egypt	33	0	0	33
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	3	0	0	3
Gabon	0	0	0	0
Gambia	0	0	0	0
Ghana	0	0	0	0
Guinea	0	0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0
Kenya	1	0	0	1
Lesotho	0	0	0	0
Liberia	1	0	0	1
Libya	1	0	0	1
Madagascar	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0
Mali	0	0	0	0
Mauritania	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	0	0	0	0
Morocco	2	0	0	2
Mozambique	0	0	0	0
Namibia	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	1	0	0	1
Rwanda	2	0	0	2
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0
Senegal	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0
Somalia	0	0	0	0
South Africa	12	0	0	12
Sudan	0	0	0	0
Swaziland	0	0	0	0
Tanzania	1	0	0	1
Togo	0	0	0	0

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Special Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
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Foreign State	SB	SC–1	SC–2	Total
Africa–Continued				
Tunisia	0	0	0	0
Uganda	0	0	0	0
Zambia	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3
Region Total for Africa	**63**	**0**	**0**	**63**
Asia				
Afghanistan	1	0	0	1
Bahrain	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	3	0	0	3
Bhutan	0	0	0	0
Brunei	0	0	0	0
Burma	10	0	0	10
Cambodia	0	0	0	0
China–mainland born	21	0	0	21
–Taiwan born	8	0	0	8
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	0	0	0	0
India	178	0	0	178
Indonesia	1	0	0	1
Iran	8	0	0	8
Iraq	0	0	0	0
Israel	11	0	0	11
Japan	15	0	0	15
Jordan	1	0	0	1
Korea, North	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	12	0	0	12
Kuwait	1	0	0	1
Laos	3	0	0	3
Lebanon	8	0	0	8
Malaysia	3	0	0	3
Maldives	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	0	0	0
Nepal	0	0	0	0
Oman	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	18	0	0	18
Philippines	65	0	0	65
Qatar	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	3	0	0	3
Singapore	6	0	0	6
Sri Lanka	4	0	0	4
Syria	5	0	0	5
Thailand	14	0	0	14
United Arab Emirates	3	0	0	3
Vietnam	0	0	0	0
Yemen	1	0	0	1
Region Total for Asia	**403**	**0**	**0**	**403**

Table IX
Special Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	SB	SC–1	SC–2	Total
Europe				
Albania	1	0	0	1
Andorra	0	0	0	0
Armenia	1	0	0	1
Austria	1	0	0	1
Azerbaijan	1	0	0	1
Belarus	0	0	0	0
Belgium	6	0	0	6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	7	0	0	7
Croatia	1	0	0	1
Cyprus	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	12	0	0	12
Denmark	3	0	0	3
Greenland	0	0	0	0
Estonia	0	0	0	0
Finland	1	0	0	1
France	6	0	0	6
French Guiana	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	0	0	0	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	0	0	0	0
Martinique	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0
Germany	7	0	0	7
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24	0	0	24
Anguilla	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	0	0	0	0
British Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Cayman Islands	0	0	0	0
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	0	0	0	0
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	0	0
Greece	17	0	0	17
Hungary	1	0	0	1
Iceland	3	0	0	3
Ireland	4	0	0	4
Italy	8	0	0	8
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0	0

Table IX
Special Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	SB	SC–1	SC–2	Total
Europe–Continued				
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	1	0	0	1
Malta	0	0	0	0
Moldova	0	0	0	0
Monaco	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	3	0	0	3
Aruba	0	0	0	0
Netherlands Antilles	0	0	0	0
Norway	2	0	0	2
Poland	50	0	0	50
Portugal	20	0	0	20
Macau	0	0	0	0
Romania	7	0	0	7
Russia	2	0	0	2
San Marino	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [1]	5	0	0	5
Slovakia	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0
Spain	13	0	0	13
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0
Sweden	4	0	0	4
Switzerland	9	0	0	9
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0
Turkey	7	0	0	7
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0
Vatican City	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**228**	**0**	**0**	**228**
North America				
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	0	0	0
Barbados	3	0	0	3
Belize	4	0	0	4
Canada	4	0	0	4
Costa Rica	2	0	0	2
Cuba	0	0	0	0
Dominica	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	1	0	0	1
El Salvador	0	0	0	0
Grenada	1	0	0	1
Guatemala	3	0	0	3
Haiti	12	0	0	12
Honduras	1	0	0	1
Jamaica	2	0	0	2
Mexico	3	0	0	3

Table IX
Special Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	SB	SC–1	SC–2	Total
North America–Continued				
Nicaragua	1	0	0	1
Panama	2	0	0	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	11	0	0	11
Region Total for North America	**50**	**0**	**0**	**50**
Oceania				
Australia	5	0	0	5
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0
Fiji	1	0	0	1
Kiribati	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	2	0	0	2
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0
Palau	1	0	0	1
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0
Samoa	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0
Tonga	3	0	0	3
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Oceania	**12**	**0**	**0**	**12**
South America				
Argentina	1	0	0	1
Bolivia	7	0	0	7
Brazil	15	0	0	15
Chile	5	0	0	5
Colombia	16	0	0	16
Ecuador	13	0	0	13
Guyana	6	0	0	6
Paraguay	0	0	0	0
Peru	26	0	0	26
Suriname	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	7	0	0	7
Venezuela	1	0	0	1
Region Total for South America	**97**	**0**	**0**	**97**

Table IX
Special Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Foreign State	SB	SC-1	SC-2	Total
Grand Totals	**853**	**0**	**0**	**853**

Note: See Appendix B for explanation of the immigrant visa symbols used in this table.

Beginning with FY-92, issuances for most Special Immigrant classes (ministers of religion, certain employees of the U.S. Government abroad, certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company, Canal Zone Government, or U.S. Government in the Canal Zone, spouse and children of certain foreign medical graduates, certain international organization employees, certain juvenile court dependents, and certain religious workers) are included under the Employment-Based Fourth Preference.

[1] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

Table X
Immigrant Visas Issued Under the Vietnam Amerasian Category Established Under Section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (as Contained in Section 101(e) of P.L. 100–202, as Amended)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Fiscal Year 1997

Area of Birth	Vietnam Amerasian Principal AM–1	Spouse/Child of AM –1 AM–2	Certain Relatives of AM–1 AM–3	Total
Cambodia	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	3	0	3
Vietnam	215	375	241	831
Grand Totals	**215**	**379**	**241**	**835**

Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Fiscal Year	Vietnam Amerasian Principal AM–1	Spouse/Child of AM –1 AM–2	Certain Relatives of AM–1 AM–3	Total
1988	907	44	1,680	2,631
1989	3,050	341	6,790	10,181
1990	5,566	1,525	10,730	17,821
1991	4,729	2,183	10,114	17,026
1992	3,817	2,453	10,302	16,572
1993	1,397	1,164	2,803	5,364
1994	291	312	654	1,257
1995	239	253	448	940
1996	249	383	332	964
1997	215	379	241	835
Grand Totals	**20,460**	**9,037**	**44,094**	**73,591**

Table XI
Immigrant Issuances in the "SM" Special Immigrant Category for Certain U.S. Armed Forces Personnel and Their Families
Fiscal Year 1997

Classification	Australia	Ireland	Japan	Philippines	Total
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (became eligible after October 1, 1991)	0	0	0	18	18
Spouse of the abovementioned alien	0	1	0	13	14
Child of the abovementioned alien	1	0	9	10	20
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (eligible as of October 1, 1991)	0	0	0	6	6
Spouse or child of the abovementioned alien	0	0	2	11	13
Totals	**1**	**1**	**11**	**58**	**71**

Note: Of the 71 total issuances in the "SM" category in FY–97, 47 represent immigrant visas issued at consular offices abroad and 24 represent adjustments of status by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Table XII
Immediate Relative Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
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Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa										
Algeria	38	25	49	32	57	50	65	80	66	62
Angola	20	16	9	9	10	6	13	4	6	15
Benin	1	4	4	2	-	4	4	3	4	17
Botswana	3	5	3	3	4	6	3	4	11	6
Burkina Faso	1	-	2	2	3	3	5	3	6	2
Burundi	-	-	3	3	1	-	1	5	3	10
Cameroon	12	17	14	18	26	35	50	70	86	119
Cape Verde	119	126	99	103	144	190	233	242	263	430
Central African Republic	-	-	5	1	-	5	-	1	4	-
Chad	1	2	2	4	-	-	-	1	2	1
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Congo, Republic of the	1	1	-	4	2	1	4	3	8	2
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	20	22	26	22	22	23	32	47	48	70
Cote d'Ivoire	4	6	6	11	15	34	36	31	51	65
Djibouti	3	2	7	7	9	2	1	2	5	12
Egypt	651	705	739	825	896	974	882	966	1,219	1,375
Equatorial Guinea	1	-	3	3	2	1	1	1	-	2
Eritrea [1]						68	167	237	216	189
Ethiopia	105	138	263	232	355	541	472	753	885	1,296
Gabon	3	1	4	4	3	3	-	1	5	6
Gambia	11	12	9	4	7	7	7	25	19	26
Ghana	334	382	380	470	381	407	410	433	766	1,074
Guinea	3	3	3	2	14	11	13	11	19	21
Guinea-Bissau	1	6	1	-	1	2	-	-	5	-
Kenya	80	83	101	104	77	106	101	104	144	146
Lesotho	-	2	4	1	3	2	1	4	7	2
Liberia	75	100	106	91	229	210	311	284	324	458
Libya	13	16	20	23	20	37	37	45	47	55
Madagascar	3	3	7	2	9	9	7	4	10	8
Malawi	5	6	6	6	5	10	4	10	7	6
Mali	2	2	2	4	5	7	2	9	12	6
Mauritania	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Mauritius	16	8	7	18	12	11	10	7	7	9
Morocco	147	167	199	197	176	256	269	330	413	507
Mozambique	6	7	6	7	4	11	7	8	5	8
Namibia	3	5	2	6	6	6	1	8	5	1
Niger	1	1	2	3	3	9	-	6	8	4
Nigeria	217	229	340	510	830	759	800	1,462	1,856	2,374
Rwanda	2	1	-	5	1	2	1	6	4	7
Sao Tome and Principe	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Senegal	27	19	26	17	25	29	51	52	69	137
Seychelles	12	3	10	15	8	7	8	10	7	1
Sierra Leone	85	76	86	95	93	105	212	192	307	363
Somalia	36	38	48	38	68	101	104	104	114	134
South Africa	261	174	195	208	224	320	337	226	269	254
Sudan	16	22	24	44	51	42	28	80	113	127
Swaziland	1	2	4	3	2	-	3	5	4	5
Tanzania	44	47	42	63	46	51	60	60	55	64
Togo	8	2	12	7	8	7	6	6	6	14
Tunisia	19	29	27	35	35	29	36	32	42	36
Uganda	29	27	17	26	22	26	51	32	32	46
Zambia	14	16	19	17	20	13	13	25	22	25
Zimbabwe	42	27	33	33	29	39	40	29	36	38

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Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa–Continued										
Africa Total	**2,497**	**2,586**	**2,979**	**3,339**	**3,963**	**4,578**	**4,899**	**6,064**	**7,626**	**9,637**
Asia										
Afghanistan	64	133	221	269	209	350	391	341	462	424
Bahrain	4	2	5	7	6	8	8	8	8	9
Bangladesh	360	345	360	585	707	849	602	675	1,017	3,373
Bhutan	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
Brunei	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	5	1
Burma	111	163	154	118	122	137	147	138	202	213
Cambodia	159	167	180	267	379	335	486	806	820	1,025
China—mainland born	5,388	6,068	7,905	8,953	8,175	8,867	7,501	8,611	11,067	13,232
—Taiwan born	1,215	1,180	1,322	1,289	1,141	1,053	752	906	1,576	1,362
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region [2]				597	500	452	391	448	535	515
India	5,242	5,413	5,884	7,029	6,501	7,672	6,791	6,580	8,424	12,202
Indonesia	113	149	171	143	120	175	166	206	212	237
Iran	1,357	1,509	1,996	2,140	2,145	2,541	2,974	2,843	3,689	3,829
Iraq	168	214	384	28	1,147	962	580	661	660	668
Israel	625	638	671	618	528	588	574	497	596	697
Japan	1,020	1,006	1,142	1,111	1,049	1,112	1,194	1,383	1,305	1,377
Jordan	966	1,224	1,301	1,065	1,253	1,578	1,280	1,511	1,831	2,003
Korea	12,398	10,208	8,539	6,068	5,457	4,607	3,982			
Korea, North								58	78	41
Korea, South								3,520	3,252	3,316
Kuwait	47	58	59	91	109	174	164	172	227	210
Laos	99	108	128	141	141	202	141	181	192	221
Lebanon	989	831	1,047	1,123	1,178	1,257	1,254	1,120	1,154	1,283
Malaysia	140	125	143	159	173	166	162	157	137	177
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	3	12
Nepal	27	30	29	38	28	55	55	49	72	67
Oman	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	2	1	1
Pakistan	1,169	1,191	1,302	1,826	1,832	1,919	1,617	1,721	2,238	3,865
Philippines	21,571	18,514	23,645	24,081	21,823	23,413	20,149	16,134	20,824	19,971
Qatar	3	2	1	5	1	9	3	12	6	12
Saudi Arabia	31	30	43	58	46	62	55	83	99	90
Singapore	80	83	75	91	92	99	95	87	77	83
Sri Lanka	82	84	116	119	137	108	155	147	162	181
Syria	431	411	473	491	631	597	627	672	715	814
Thailand	798	850	936	848	703	763	666	613	648	741
United Arab Emirates	5	6	11	12	21	6	13	19	31	42
Vietnam	1,457	2,991	6,094	7,299	10,850	5,764	4,105	4,534	4,629	6,145
Yemen [3]				961	1,288	985	537	931	1,110	1,548
Yemen (Aden) [3]	60	87	180							
Yemen (Sanaa) [3]	356	478	1,141							
Asia Total	**56,539**	**54,362**	**65,659**	**67,893**	**68,494**	**66,871**	**57,625**	**55,833**	**68,064**	**79,992**
Europe										
Albania	1	4	7	45	88	119	350	277	212	308
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Armenia [4]					33	40	80	82	76	110

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Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe–Continued										
Austria	86	83	84	99	94	97	91	93	82	106
Azerbaijan [4]					16	18	18	30	33	38
Belarus [4]					112	122	57	62	124	137
Belgium	125	105	112	106	111	123	87	101	118	140
Bosnia and Herzegovina [5]					10	73	49	52	46	81
Bulgaria	31	42	71	91	177	237	224	241	348	374
Croatia [5]					31	105	101	97	90	83
Cyprus	45	52	46	46	45	50	46	51	33	47
Czechoslovakia [6]	80	97	123	147	161					
Czech Republic [6]						157	147	155	124	166
Denmark	181	176	170	170	186	183	169	159	178	145
Greenland	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Estonia	5	4	8	4	4	5	18	14	30	31
Finland	106	76	66	73	86	90	82	80	90	103
France	484	392	410	381	415	518	538	497	503	479
French Guiana	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
French Polynesia	5	2	2	2	6	4	3	2	1	1
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guadeloupe	5	8	7	3	4	5	10	5	11	12
Martinique	7	5	2	2	3	4	-	4	2	5
New Caledonia	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Reunion	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia [4]					6	19	35	88	105	48
German Democratic Republic [7]	60	81	45							
Germany [7]				3,253	4,929	2,762	2,998	2,274	1,746	1,917
Germany, Federal Republic of [7]	3,236	2,977	3,194							
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2,536	2,454	2,544	2,751	2,713	2,544	2,177	1,907	1,713	1,776
Anguilla	5	5	4	8	6	6	3	4	5	4
Bermuda	58	66	46	43	43	53	36	41	39	41
British Virgin Islands	2	3	6	4	4	11	5	2	3	10
Cayman Islands	1	3	-	2	4	1	1	1	4	7
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gibraltar	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	1	-
Hong Kong [2]	537	501	565	8						
Montserrat	10	17	6	12	9	16	10	8	8	19
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Helena	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	3	6	2	1	2	1	4	6	3
Greece	799	674	529	472	417	474	368	362	313	328
Hungary	127	107	124	182	169	202	182	224	216	277
Iceland	42	41	48	37	36	37	38	48	45	36
Ireland	466	428	303	260	218	215	214	182	149	137
Italy	503	417	396	384	366	427	428	378	370	398
Kazakhstan [4]					17	31	68	47	43	75
Kyrgyzstan [4]					2	6	6	9	18	21
Latvia	6	9	8	18	22	39	55	80	119	143
Liechtenstein	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	18	20	13	20	45	70	155	151	148	149
Luxembourg	8	4	14	3	6	4	6	2	7	8
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of [8]							96	198	206	306

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Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe–Continued										
Malta	45	17	20	27	25	20	39	22	20	18
Moldova [4]					34	21	24	64	79	77
Monaco	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Netherlands	237	269	264	280	218	249	319	263	232	231
Aruba	3	5	8	4	2	7	2	5	5	3
Netherlands Antilles	10	14	10	16	11	22	10	7	11	18
Norway	164	172	151	142	111	153	122	115	124	144
Poland	577	711	945	1,363	1,419	1,539	1,425	1,263	1,563	1,468
Portugal	684	629	535	371	309	297	246	233	226	231
Macau	25	23	36	37	30	34	22	22	33	33
Romania	227	348	619	3,003	442	586	800	907	1,286	1,443
Russia [4]					606	1,173	2,102	2,588	3,219	4,625
San Marino	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Serbia-Montenegro [9]							596	440	460	534
Slovakia [6]						44	48	62	72	87
Slovenia [5]					1	9	11	12	5	7
Spain	389	401	345	445	409	332	357	315	370	353
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	279	254	267	242	181	283	183	255	249	278
Switzerland	175	192	171	137	183	178	211	221	206	218
Tajikistan [4]					2	3	3	5	9	5
Turkey	429	522	550	601	605	658	569	558	617	661
Turkmenistan [4]					3	3	4	6	10	5
Ukraine [4]					352	634	470	317	394	449
U.S.S.R. [4]	588	670	950	1,175	311					
Uzbekistan [4]					21	53	71	70	48	44
Vatican City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	551	693	631	743	570	647				
Europe Total	**13,965**	**13,779**	**14,464**	**17,207**	**16,443**	**15,817**	**16,592**	**15,766**	**16,610**	**19,005**
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	88	93	64	70	54	79	53	61	67	80
Bahamas	91	84	60	109	91	84	47	66	59	58
Barbados	180	130	132	142	102	167	100	92	137	125
Belize	244	208	204	206	160	201	189	133	121	162
Canada	2,378	2,374	2,724	2,725	2,934	2,648	2,573	1,783	1,392	1,152
Costa Rica	480	500	520	457	450	386	352	346	403	425
Cuba	689	725	569	425	424	676	936	1,659	768	882
Dominica	104	118	101	107	144	131	81	88	106	188
Dominican Republic	6,344	7,663	9,513	10,313	9,678	13,140	24,355	13,633	12,147	9,210
El Salvador	3,174	2,995	2,859	2,946	2,160	3,329	2,275	1,296	2,633	5,225
Grenada	96	88	78	91	100	131	123	123	131	162
Guatemala	1,520	1,331	1,542	1,507	1,557	1,793	1,666	1,087	1,273	2,088
Haiti	1,232	1,086	1,467	1,922	211	2,679	2,612	1,980	2,370	3,227
Honduras	1,398	1,509	1,680	1,845	1,797	2,479	1,990	1,591	1,206	2,713
Jamaica	3,015	2,703	2,419	2,440	2,693	3,436	3,107	3,292	4,050	5,078
Mexico	35,119	28,518	24,500	23,635	17,694	25,290	23,229	6,808	11,710	20,339
Nicaragua	582	637	544	1,327	1,024	1,202	1,460	569	630	932
Panama	1,057	1,129	709	1,107	911	1,067	1,191	1,179	1,120	950
Saint Kitts and Nevis	69	65	50	90	72	91	71	50	64	82
Saint Lucia	99	106	94	108	83	104	98	75	134	158

Table XII
Immediate Relative Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
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Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
North America–Continued										
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	75	91	97	71	82	93	77	41	110	127
Trinidad and Tobago	343	429	511	641	794	1,051	1,039	992	1,313	1,258
North America Total	**58,377**	**52,582**	**50,437**	**52,284**	**43,215**	**60,257**	**67,624**	**36,944**	**41,944**	**54,621**
Oceania										
Australia	443	507	576	592	546	498	424	421	477	500
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fiji	209	222	256	239	168	163	206	273	228	247
Kiribati	-	1	5	11	4	2	4	1	4	2
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
New Zealand	175	227	234	221	157	176	157	147	157	199
Cook Islands	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Niue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the [10]	-	4	2	6	1	2	1			
Palau [10]								-	-	4
Papua New Guinea	8	4	-	7	5	4	-	4	12	7
Samoa	23	32	34	47	44	36	34	40	37	17
Solomon Islands	2	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	1
Tonga	52	58	40	39	27	29	41	48	39	41
Tuvalu	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Oceania Total	**913**	**1,058**	**1,150**	**1,164**	**954**	**913**	**869**	**939**	**955**	**1,019**
South America										
Argentina	370	429	535	500	339	285	275	245	268	217
Bolivia	195	228	242	243	315	333	297	220	267	382
Brazil	681	721	781	720	684	736	757	810	687	674
Chile	633	596	671	598	429	344	364	352	306	334
Colombia	3,028	3,427	2,979	2,948	3,028	3,843	3,578	2,872	3,364	4,314
Ecuador	876	1,028	1,009	1,294	1,330	1,526	1,592	1,582	1,836	2,473
Guyana	1,213	1,255	1,474	1,675	1,733	1,802	1,505	1,337	2,090	1,674
Paraguay	370	314	343	244	308	484	546	412	318	91
Peru	1,510	2,618	2,890	3,207	2,650	3,430	3,178	1,916	2,882	3,620
Suriname	11	4	10	7	17	21	27	24	31	27
Uruguay	99	120	106	132	109	122	114	67	65	87
Venezuela	302	405	438	403	334	415	432	439	570	607
South America Total	**9,288**	**11,145**	**11,478**	**11,971**	**11,276**	**13,341**	**12,665**	**10,276**	**12,684**	**14,500**
Grand Total	**141,579**	**135,512**	**146,167**	**153,858**	**144,345**	**161,777**	**160,274**	**125,822**	**147,883**	**178,774**

[1] On April 27, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of Eritrea.

[2] Section 103 of P.L. 101–649 (Immigration Act of 1990) provides that effective with Fiscal Year 1991, Hong Kong shall be treated for immigrant visa purposes as a separate foreign state, and not as a colony or other component or dependent area of another foreign state.

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[3] The U.S. Government has recognized the Republic of Yemen, formed on May 22, 1990, by union of the former Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

[4] On December 25, 1991, the United States recognized the independence of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, the 12 republics that had constituted the U.S.S.R.

[5] On April 7, 1992, the United States recognized the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, three of the republics that had previously formed constituent parts of Yugoslavia.

[6] On January 1, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, separate states that had previously comprised Czechoslovakia.

[7] With the unification of Germany on October 3, 1990, visa statistics are consolidated for that country.

[8] On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized the independence of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

[9] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[10] On October 1, 1994, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau) ended its status as a United Nations Trust Territory administered by the United States and became an independent state, in free association with the United States.

Table XIII
Significant Source Countries of Immigrant Orphans
(Totals of IR–3 and IR–4 Immigrant Visas Issued to Orphans)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Belarus [1]					21	36	6	7	36	49
Bolivia	20	27	30	46	73	124	37	21	33	77
Brazil	166	175	228	175	138	161	149	146	103	91
Bulgaria	0	1	3	9	91	133	97	110	163	148
Cambodia	0	0	15	60	15	1	3	10	32	66
Chile	259	253	302	266	179	61	79	90	63	41
China—mainland born	12	17	29	61	206	330	787	2,130	3,333	3,597
—Taiwan born	93	75	66	54	36	32	35	23	19	19
Colombia	732	736	631	521	404	426	351	350	255	233
Costa Rica	78	78	105	56	64	48	29	19	20	22
Dominican Republic	59	68	58	50	42	39	17	15	13	19
Ecuador	44	20	59	10	37	49	48	67	51	43
El Salvador	86	94	103	123	117	100	38	30	17	5
Ethiopia	9	6	18	15	37	30	54	63	44	82
Georgia [1]					2	3	17	51	77	21
Guatemala	210	202	257	329	418	512	436	449	427	788
Haiti	40	80	64	49	16	51	61	49	68	142
Honduras	160	181	197	234	249	179	77	28	28	26
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	44	54	36	49	29	30	34	30	36	21
Hungary	6	3	11	30	26	43	34	28	51	72
India	736	648	348	445	352	331	412	371	380	349
Jamaica	31	42	28	41	27	48	35	45	34	31
Japan	73	74	57	87	68	64	49	63	36	45
Korea	5,077	3,544	2,620	1,818	1,840	1,775	1,795	1,666	1,516	1,654
Latvia [1]	0	0	0	5	4	15	33	59	82	108
Lithuania [1]	0	0	0	3	18	24	95	98	78	78
Mexico	114	91	112	97	91	91	85	83	76	152
Moldova [1]					20	1	5	44	40	43
Paraguay	312	252	282	190	212	412	483	351	258	33
Peru	140	222	440	705	309	224	37	15	17	14
Philippines	503	465	421	393	357	360	314	298	229	163
Poland	51	74	66	92	109	70	94	30	64	78
Romania	1	3	121	2,594	121	97	199	275	555	621
Russia [1]					324	746	1,530	1,896	2,454	3,816
Thailand	74	109	100	131	86	69	47	53	55	63
Ukraine [1]					55	273	164	4	1	59
Uzbekistan [1]					1	8	44	47	14	3
Vietnam	0	15	52	37	22	110	220	318	354	425
Other	226	309	234	275	256	271	303	247	228	324
Grand Totals	**9,356**	**7,918**	**7,093**	**9,050**	**6,472**	**7,377**	**8,333**	**9,679**	**11,340**	**13,621**

[1] On December 25, 1991, the United States recognized the independence of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, the 12 republics that had constituted the U.S.S.R.

Table XIV
Immigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa										
Algeria	78	64	113	58	218	181	201	539	663	335
Angola	61	81	49	71	39	46	42	27	29	33
Benin	5	12	12	5	5	6	5	10	15	33
Botswana	5	6	4	4	4	7	15	9	11	9
Burkina Faso	2	3	2	5	3	5	8	4	6	4
Burundi	-	4	4	7	1	1	3	13	16	12
Cameroon	35	22	42	32	54	82	90	347	389	629
Cape Verde	883	938	676	777	549	694	648	779	781	834
Central African Republic	-	1	10	1	1	5	1	1	4	-
Chad	1	2	2	4	-	-	-	1	8	5
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2
Congo, Republic of the	2	3	-	4	2	7	4	7	8	6
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	37	38	39	45	38	39	61	119	128	142
Cote d'Ivoire	12	18	23	30	36	70	61	82	136	130
Djibouti	4	4	15	14	13	2	2	17	16	14
Egypt	1,918	2,085	2,447	2,604	2,179	2,306	2,233	5,072	4,305	4,075
Equatorial Guinea	3	-	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2
Eritrea [1]						83	198	751	518	855
Ethiopia	331	439	626	576	621	830	715	4,266	4,173	4,336
Gabon	3	1	6	4	5	3	1	2	10	9
Gambia	15	16	33	16	15	26	25	52	56	31
Ghana	665	703	824	1,120	1,000	1,074	941	2,855	4,309	4,101
Guinea	6	7	12	5	19	16	19	57	39	33
Guinea-Bissau	3	25	12	4	3	4	-	1	6	2
Kenya	550	463	594	608	596	672	562	1,147	807	791
Lesotho	1	2	6	1	4	2	4	5	7	3
Liberia	203	257	223	230	427	392	517	630	796	1,144
Libya	51	54	56	42	62	70	67	118	99	78
Madagascar	14	4	17	5	29	16	10	18	23	15
Malawi	38	27	23	42	50	37	20	42	30	64
Mali	4	6	10	7	11	8	7	28	26	12
Mauritania	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	2	2	-
Mauritius	36	24	55	43	21	40	46	53	34	28
Morocco	280	322	419	467	334	416	421	1,116	861	1,751
Mozambique	51	40	57	54	31	37	21	17	25	32
Namibia	7	8	5	6	8	8	6	16	9	2
Niger	1	1	3	3	5	10	2	8	14	5
Nigeria	661	664	848	1,141	1,948	1,751	1,710	5,523	5,991	6,370
Rwanda	3	4	1	5	1	4	6	11	23	17
Sao Tome and Principe	4	4	2	3	8	-	3	2	2	1
Senegal	58	59	114	83	55	57	79	364	265	261
Seychelles	36	8	22	30	21	12	15	15	9	1
Sierra Leone	199	231	271	322	311	351	408	642	1,377	1,228
Somalia	59	84	87	84	101	141	129	478	454	373
South Africa	790	728	754	799	950	1,018	930	1,275	1,222	904
Sudan	50	59	75	109	79	101	67	721	1,073	778
Swaziland	2	2	4	5	2	2	4	7	7	7
Tanzania	325	331	388	290	293	322	336	511	430	316
Togo	9	6	15	9	15	9	13	45	77	110
Tunisia	46	71	169	217	127	84	106	117	134	87
Uganda	249	224	227	237	196	263	262	308	285	262

Table XIV
Immigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa–Continued										
Zambia	128	100	128	98	95	111	118	136	124	137
Zimbabwe	115	110	95	99	122	147	122	146	167	105
Africa Total	**8,040**	**8,365**	**9,625**	**10,428**	**10,709**	**11,571**	**11,266**	**28,514**	**30,002**	**30,514**
Asia										
Afghanistan	188	304	391	489	416	590	584	675	718	619
Bahrain	14	31	25	31	37	47	34	41	39	39
Bangladesh	1,129	1,373	3,811	6,202	2,248	2,928	2,977	6,895	5,583	8,122
Bhutan	2	-	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	3
Brunei	6	11	7	6	8	4	10	3	16	4
Burma	782	1,111	1,044	823	597	650	762	1,077	1,068	985
Cambodia	379	358	398	542	573	504	640	1,018	1,093	1,243
China—mainland born	24,084	24,693	25,718	27,395	26,711	25,602	20,891	24,448	27,397	27,443
—Taiwan born	8,380	8,287	9,107	8,604	7,788	7,159	5,388	5,678	8,180	6,757
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region [2]				9,633	9,030	8,046	5,680	6,306	5,051	3,877
India	22,531	22,403	23,633	23,295	24,344	28,251	24,833	26,403	29,381	28,104
Indonesia	855	1,541	2,389	1,771	2,380	1,080	888	493	470	469
Iran	4,465	5,392	5,912	5,603	5,343	6,788	6,171	5,210	6,320	5,913
Iraq	439	481	872	619	3,418	1,881	1,312	1,516	1,330	1,219
Israel	1,821	2,026	2,013	1,794	2,179	2,167	1,765	918	1,061	1,058
Japan	2,707	2,689	2,868	2,488	7,144	3,149	2,838	1,950	2,037	2,049
Jordan	2,308	2,846	2,826	2,513	2,611	3,220	2,470	2,757	3,177	3,224
Korea	31,594	28,826	25,550	18,042	14,391	12,382	10,799			
Korea, North								134	133	82
Korea, South								10,272	9,089	8,290
Kuwait	297	340	352	317	406	490	430	392	514	426
Laos	221	227	254	318	256	327	271	268	282	324
Lebanon	3,234	3,299	3,156	3,199	3,518	3,391	2,902	2,340	2,665	2,423
Malaysia	591	571	913	792	866	842	636	404	350	362
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	8	3	13
Nepal	86	87	111	102	138	184	130	186	232	255
Oman	4	9	1	-	3	7	15	12	15	11
Pakistan	4,438	5,424	7,077	8,037	7,295	7,906	7,172	8,618	8,834	9,900
Philippines	42,796	39,728	44,112	45,175	44,000	47,455	40,839	35,474	42,003	38,257
Qatar	16	21	20	26	18	51	10	20	20	18
Saudi Arabia	104	118	126	135	134	157	139	142	195	155
Singapore	254	240	258	241	247	296	230	159	179	147
Sri Lanka	386	470	677	748	515	573	610	599	646	727
Syria	1,537	1,475	1,536	1,313	1,469	1,715	1,635	1,422	1,815	1,469
Thailand	2,210	2,347	2,341	2,315	2,095	2,032	1,542	1,292	1,241	1,149
United Arab Emirates	85	81	139	101	98	108	174	135	178	216
Vietnam	6,654	16,981	32,763	33,355	39,601	16,851	8,995	12,777	11,095	16,317
Yemen [3]				1,387	2,156	1,626	790	1,641	1,949	1,944
Yemen (Aden) [3]	91	156	334							
Yemen (Sanaa) [3]	540	753	1,590							
Asia Total	**165,228**	**174,699**	**202,325**	**207,411**	**212,034**	**188,465**	**154,564**	**161,684**	**174,359**	**173,614**

Table XIV
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(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe										
Albania	7	6	10	57	144	240	749	1,164	3,866	4,553
Andorra	-	4	3	1	2	1	1	-	1	-
Armenia [4]					49	100	236	897	1,324	1,185
Austria	188	198	225	193	318	216	208	245	185	209
Azerbaijan [4]					28	30	29	254	280	200
Belarus [4]					127	140	93	286	400	368
Belgium	248	237	258	231	339	257	218	216	257	221
Bosnia and Herzegovina [5]					20	123	93	156	118	161
Bulgaria	57	76	148	188	259	398	453	1,428	956	2,450
Croatia [5]					102	223	223	360	274	207
Cyprus	118	124	124	98	152	116	96	96	83	75
Czechoslovakia [6]	175	184	303	280	493					
Czech Republic [6]						330	268	270	215	264
Denmark	277	303	305	268	410	318	298	300	269	193
Greenland	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Estonia	7	10	14	9	9	15	39	61	64	65
Finland	187	151	152	159	257	262	217	223	275	186
France	1,094	993	1,062	1,010	1,495	1,128	1,140	963	944	810
French Guiana	-	4	1	2	2	14	3	7	5	-
French Polynesia	12	6	17	5	9	6	7	4	1	2
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guadeloupe	22	23	22	14	46	37	29	27	23	28
Martinique	13	20	9	5	9	10	11	4	6	7
New Caledonia	1	3	7	3	4	-	6	1	2	1
Reunion	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	2	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia [4]					17	49	75	230	312	149
German Democratic Republic [7]	97	133	84							
Germany [7]				3,971	6,246	3,652	3,774	3,368	2,995	3,087
Germany, Federal Republic of [7]	3,954	3,706	3,968							
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6,327	6,936	6,607	6,565	9,005	7,312	6,081	3,817	3,664	3,329
Anguilla	33	34	15	44	29	14	24	14	30	10
Bermuda	105	109	95	66	81	95	74	49	71	51
British Virgin Islands	62	45	41	32	49	33	35	9	16	23
Cayman Islands	12	14	5	8	12	5	11	6	4	14
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Gibraltar	-	2	-	-	4	-	4	1	1	-
Hong Kong [2]	5,002	4,914	4,729							
Montserrat	88	83	87	105	65	76	49	60	40	55
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Helena	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	18	13	17	10	15	20	14	10	11	8
Northern Ireland (DV only)								86	74	30
Greece	1,550	1,220	976	916	803	913	726	662	610	554
Hungary	240	204	295	333	525	436	393	451	455	410
Iceland	75	87	73	78	103	100	89	79	115	71
Ireland	3,317	9,539	4,793	3,014	14,893	14,191	21,735	1,822	706	558
Italy	1,488	1,425	1,357	1,107	1,255	1,215	1,060	924	761	757
Kazakhstan [4]					23	38	73	126	252	168
Kyrgyzstan [4]					3	15	11	42	52	52
Latvia	14	35	28	29	38	81	101	165	185	231

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Immigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe–Continued										
Liechtenstein	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	1
Lithuania	29	39	35	45	88	167	282	470	557	507
Luxembourg	15	7	22	10	12	5	13	4	16	11
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of [8]							257	520	658	640
Malta	96	59	43	60	50	35	54	65	33	40
Moldova [4]					57	59	39	209	254	163
Monaco	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	2	1
Netherlands	499	522	606	553	591	487	510	500	459	358
Aruba	36	49	23	25	26	20	9	11	5	8
Netherlands Antilles	56	48	53	44	53	61	43	31	37	35
Norway	228	258	218	237	350	254	190	222	210	184
Poland	3,894	4,327	8,013	11,112	21,825	24,982	26,683	8,250	10,268	7,994
Portugal	2,842	3,230	2,995	2,596	2,145	1,635	1,867	1,645	1,061	976
Macau	307	274	339	334	309	300	215	390	356	228
Romania	577	830	1,060	3,348	759	1,079	1,236	3,607	3,264	4,320
Russia [4]					705	1,401	2,485	4,608	4,944	6,139
San Marino	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Serbia-Montenegro [9]							1,188	1,252	951	993
Slovakia [6]						143	161	434	429	428
Slovenia [5]					11	25	32	30	24	23
Spain	788	873	749	879	846	633	627	550	548	481
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	545	485	540	570	702	572	412	532	531	454
Switzerland	342	364	362	301	462	392	389	426	481	638
Tajikistan [4]					5	14	10	52	38	36
Turkey	906	1,023	1,187	1,157	1,337	1,157	1,002	2,121	2,323	2,351
Turkmenistan [4]					7	3	4	10	30	27
Ukraine [4]					449	772	644	2,198	2,328	2,075
U.S.S.R. [4]	1,006	1,286	1,364	1,491	402					
Uzbekistan [4]					58	94	113	262	254	204
Vatican City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	1,322	1,463	1,396	1,449	1,301	1,271				
Europe Total	**38,279**	**45,981**	**44,839**	**43,016**	**69,994**	**67,774**	**77,211**	**47,288**	**49,971**	**50,059**
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	639	616	482	504	376	372	263	232	185	251
Bahamas	251	254	222	299	221	310	227	173	139	115
Barbados	1,122	1,154	937	856	691	826	496	423	413	360
Belize	906	838	855	946	705	790	618	392	370	407
Canada	5,853	7,265	7,854	7,816	7,150	7,878	7,165	4,145	3,924	2,988
Costa Rica	977	1,024	971	874	987	873	736	610	605	589
Cuba	4,604	3,072	2,605	2,383	1,783	2,091	2,818	6,040	2,569	2,999
Dominica	547	670	586	686	666	535	391	467	432	445
Dominican Republic	26,169	23,934	29,395	27,061	38,849	40,994	49,973	34,021	30,498	21,381
El Salvador	11,282	12,879	10,189	13,012	20,994	23,942	17,126	7,504	8,345	9,377
Grenada	747	746	644	624	614	603	419	378	350	383
Guatemala	4,603	4,892	4,635	5,127	7,047	10,526	6,392	4,031	3,729	3,565
Haiti	8,275	7,488	10,054	11,092	927	8,686	12,321	8,299	9,403	10,211
Honduras	3,498	4,664	4,416	4,965	5,028	6,428	4,588	3,723	2,253	4,455

Table XIV
Immigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
North America–Continued										
Jamaica	18,171	19,608	16,087	15,368	13,732	13,511	11,014	13,022	13,217	12,374
Mexico	51,783	45,708	43,545	42,482	82,375	100,436	98,285	47,372	52,625	56,202
Nicaragua	1,852	2,301	1,898	3,559	3,166	3,300	3,260	1,231	1,310	1,391
Panama	2,123	2,392	1,367	2,752	1,546	1,871	1,740	1,667	1,693	1,333
Saint Kitts and Nevis	547	595	451	599	485	400	243	282	242	254
Saint Lucia	522	501	426	444	448	451	292	263	320	331
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	568	626	456	523	505	487	337	205	261	286
Trinidad and Tobago	3,051	3,621	3,822	4,553	4,188	4,127	4,466	3,314	3,268	2,925
North America Total	**148,090**	**144,848**	**141,897**	**146,525**	**192,483**	**229,437**	**223,170**	**137,794**	**136,151**	**132,622**
Oceania										
Australia	643	703	757	745	778	795	676	718	726	718
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fiji	871	744	1,219	1,064	629	673	920	1,444	1,378	1,366
Kiribati	1	1	5	12	5	3	5	1	4	2
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Nauru	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
New Zealand	310	345	334	330	371	353	320	264	264	323
Cook Islands	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Niue	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the [10]	1	7	4	10	2	2	1			
Palau [10]								-	-	6
Papua New Guinea	12	5	5	11	10	6	1	5	15	8
Samoa	87	79	77	93	90	80	99	68	79	35
Solomon Islands	2	7	3	-	-	2	4	-	2	1
Tonga	303	338	235	170	189	217	190	274	180	141
Tuvalu	2	-	2	-	-	3	-	2	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Oceania Total	**2,233**	**2,229**	**2,642**	**2,440**	**2,080**	**2,138**	**2,216**	**2,780**	**2,648**	**2,601**
South America										
Argentina	1,332	1,568	1,746	1,750	2,325	1,504	1,282	572	679	460
Bolivia	706	859	911	1,110	1,103	1,200	1,098	700	589	624
Brazil	1,335	1,654	1,579	1,659	1,718	1,884	1,989	1,559	1,288	1,076
Chile	1,341	1,353	1,450	1,240	1,159	1,075	945	715	521	530
Colombia	7,864	8,789	7,746	7,599	9,640	9,965	8,115	7,009	6,582	6,792
Ecuador	3,602	4,393	4,192	5,245	6,287	6,414	5,122	5,197	4,971	4,911
Guyana	8,222	9,189	9,153	9,762	7,995	7,780	7,062	6,671	7,962	5,994
Paraguay	455	433	480	392	406	573	685	464	392	137
Peru	3,897	6,466	6,944	7,242	7,320	8,092	7,329	4,933	6,146	5,916
Suriname	65	75	109	71	105	98	86	90	75	68
Uruguay	378	408	393	391	462	365	305	154	131	154
Venezuela	767	992	1,129	948	950	1,204	1,099	911	973	847
South America Total	**29,964**	**36,179**	**35,832**	**37,409**	**39,470**	**40,154**	**35,117**	**28,975**	**30,309**	**27,509**

Table XIV
Immigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts (Continued)
(by Foreign State Chargeability)
(All Categories)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Foreign State	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Grand Total	**391,834**	**412,301**	**437,160**	**447,229**	**526,770**	**539,539**	**503,544**	**407,035**	**423,440**	**416,919**

[1] On April 27, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of Eritrea. As a result, a separate immigrant visa chargeability was established for Eritrea.

[2] Section 103 of P.L. 101–649 (Immigration Act of 1990) provides that effective with Fiscal Year 1991, Hong Kong shall be treated for immigrant visa purposes as a separate foreign state, and not as a colony or other component or dependent area of another foreign state.

[3] The U.S. Government has recognized the Republic of Yemen, formed on May 22, 1990, by union of the former Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

[4] On December 25, 1991, the United States recognized the independence of the 12 republics that had constituted the U.S.S.R. As a result, the U.S.S.R. immigrant visa chargeability was replaced by separate foreign state chargeabilities for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

[5] On April 7, 1992, the United States recognized the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, three of the republics that had previously formed constituent parts of Yugoslavia. As a result, separate immigrant visa chargeabilities were established for these foreign states.

[6] On January 1, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, separate states that had previously comprised Czechoslovakia. As a result, the Czechoslovakia immigrant visa chargeability was replaced by separate foreign state chargeabilities for the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

[7] With the unification of Germany on October 3, 1990, visa statistics are consolidated for that country.

[8] On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized the independence of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which had been within the Yugoslavia immigrant visa chargeability. As a result, a separate chargeability was established for The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

[9] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[10] On October 1, 1994, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau) ended its status as a United Nations Trust Territory administered by the United States and became an independent state, in free association with the United States.

Table XV
Immigrant Visas Issued by Issuing Office
(All Categories, Including Replaced Visas)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa (AF)										
Benin, Cotonou	3	11	9	4	5	5	6	11	8	21
Botswana, Gaborone [1]	19	13	26	26	7	28				
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	3	9	1	7	4	11	6	-	5	1
Burundi, Bujumbura [2]	3	7	3	2	2	1	9	8	4	
Cameroon, Yaounde	39	19	40	33	43	80	94	315	349	560
Cape Verde, Praia	777	860	591	714	508	671	612	752	709	799
Central African Republic, Bangui	-	2	5	1	2	1	1	4	2	-
Congo, Republic of the, Brazzaville [2]	6	7	-	-	2	3	3	2	4	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the, Kinshasa	25	28	43	34	21	26	33	98	97	110
Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan	29	29	54	111	103	153	160	151	252	246
Djibouti, Djibouti	9	17	31	46	37	41	35	53	64	19
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	115	138	271	232	365	711	746	5,054	4,170	4,688
Gabon, Libreville	3	1	1	5	6	7	5	6	11	16
Gambia, Banjul [1]	14	16	47	15	14	33				
Ghana, Accra	501	586	774	1,064	958	1,052	963	2,710	4,229	4,129
Guinea, Conakry [3]	4	1								
Guinea-Bissau, Bissau [1]	1	4	1	-	3	2				
Kenya, Nairobi	314	274	371	393	404	483	317	1,070	836	718
Liberia, Monrovia	211	272	242	76	283	241	272	443	535	836
Madagascar, Antananarivo	6	2	5	2	17	14	8	10	9	10
Malawi, Lilongwe	39	16	10	17	36	15	12	14	14	17
Mali, Bamako [4]	6	5	8	7	9	7	3			
Mauritius, Port Louis [5]	33	19	42	30	19	36	42	17		
Mozambique, Maputo [1]	5	4	11	16	2	4				
Niger, Niamey	7	2	3	3	7	9	6	1	7	9
Nigeria, Lagos	644	656	859	1,163	1,936	1,745	1,637	5,319	5,759	6,206
Rwanda, Kigali [5]	4	4	2	-	6	3	-	-		
Senegal, Dakar	62	68	124	103	78	76	115	486	406	340
Seychelles, Victoria [5]	30	8	19	21	14	8	18	16		
Sierra Leone, Freetown	184	219	268	356	332	345	414	594	1,347	1,091
Somalia, Mogadishu [6]	51	65	68	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa, Johannesburg	825	722	849	950	990	1,065	1,049	1,377	1,392	1,006
Sudan, Khartoum [7]	55	115	186	186	129	99	23	31	103	-
Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam	198	124	225	141	153	159	169	304	194	159
Togo, Lome	9	15	13	15	16	9	17	54	82	110
Uganda, Kampala [4]	14	16	20	12	15	30	37			
Zambia, Lusaka	112	81	125	103	83	139	113	145	94	133
Zimbabwe, Harare	77	80	78	105	80	110	104	104	117	118
Africa Total	**4,437**	**4,515**	**5,425**	**6,020**	**6,689**	**7,422**	**7,029**	**19,165**	**20,798**	**21,342**
American Republics (ARA)										
Argentina, Buenos Aires	1,530	1,885	2,113	2,033	2,492	1,698	1,477	1,162	1,043	656
Bahamas, Nassau	328	367	386	438	472	523	395	208	181	174
Barbados, Bridgetown	4,804	4,979	4,052	4,334	3,886	3,774	2,541	2,362	2,332	2,453
Belize, Belize City	841	861	862	968	712	820	648	412	405	433
Bolivia, La Paz	686	854	948	1,111	1,097	1,205	1,115	683	588	604
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	1,607	1,895	1,860	1,810	1,895	1,961	2,118	1,607	1,360	1,098
Chile, Santiago	1,256	1,285	1,394	1,219	1,098	1,019	913	686	482	549
Colombia, Bogota	7,345	8,411	7,592	7,455	9,471	9,787	7,989	6,919	6,440	6,670
Costa Rica, San Jose	1,188	1,156	1,192	1,042	1,123	984	790	689	677	645
Cuba, Havana	3,606	2,623	2,186	2,116	1,488	1,638	2,331	6,260	2,731	3,130

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(All Categories, Including Replaced Visas)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
American Republics (ARA)–Continued										
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	25,996	23,856	29,470	27,091	38,870	40,969	49,964	34,034	30,530	21,381
Ecuador, Guayaquil	3,475	4,381	4,168	5,272	6,331	6,489	5,175	5,234	5,007	4,911
El Salvador, San Salvador	10,241	12,475	9,921	12,855	20,748	23,763	17,073	7,441	8,291	9,316
French West Indies, Martinique [8]	77	58	48	19						
Guatemala, Guatemala City	4,307	4,796	5,189	5,111	7,044	10,633	6,435	4,057	3,748	3,568
Guyana, Georgetown	7,771	8,862	8,735	9,273	7,513	7,260	6,586	6,276	7,597	5,639
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	7,815	7,308	9,910	10,971	758	8,499	11,255	8,207	9,263	10,125
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	3,294	4,597	4,421	4,994	5,015	6,418	4,539	3,736	2,237	4,471
Jamaica, Kingston	17,487	19,099	15,586	14,947	13,306	13,161	10,678	12,762	13,042	12,203
Mexico, Mexico City [9]	9,167									
Ciudad Juarez	17,381	35,191	30,172	30,292	54,995	79,357	102,243	47,418	52,677	56,245
Monterrey [9]	12,743									
Tijuana [1]	14,061	11,848	14,418	12,989	28,599	24,142				
Netherlands Antilles, Curacao [1]	77	85	61	78	142	106				
Nicaragua, Managua	1,321	1,681	757	3,275	3,045	3,184	3,150	1,183	1,217	1,324
Panama, Panama City	2,675	2,712	978	2,923	1,662	2,045	1,878	1,824	1,849	1,478
Paraguay, Asuncion	577	522	633	581	473	638	798	516	424	197
Peru, Lima	3,560	6,353	6,783	7,147	7,234	7,985	7,276	4,872	6,078	5,848
Suriname, Paramaribo	113	140	172	111	172	151	128	129	79	105
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	3,047	3,691	3,829	4,589	4,197	4,124	4,485	3,294	3,307	2,901
Uruguay, Montevideo	361	401	363	383	450	356	299	150	112	134
Venezuela, Caracas	1,247	1,427	2,151	1,351	1,347	1,670	1,495	1,183	1,276	1,145
American Republics Total	**169,984**	**173,799**	**170,350**	**176,778**	**225,635**	**264,359**	**253,774**	**163,304**	**162,973**	**157,403**
East Asia and Pacific (EAP)										
Australia, Perth	110	103	139	174	115	109	105	104	84	118
Sydney	870	976	1,231	1,203	1,166	1,241	1,048	1,008	961	1,018
Burma, Rangoon	506	806	678	493	410	438	485	772	804	716
Cambodia, Phnom Penh [10]							193	885	979	1,105
China, Guangzhou	15,460	16,946	16,855	18,438	16,975	17,819	14,624	18,205	21,414	22,440
Fiji, Suva	1,134	1,039	1,425	1,187	758	833	1,046	1,657	1,522	1,477
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong	11,690	10,989	11,542	16,777	16,368	14,738	11,550	13,008	11,047	8,705
Indonesia, Jakarta	701	1,407	2,086	1,569	2,062	907	751	403	368	394
Japan, Tokyo	2,661	2,747	2,943	2,586	7,173	3,314	3,155	2,212	2,191	2,337
Naha	540	536	523	500	481	410	358	356	360	319
Korea, Seoul	31,092	28,153	24,786	17,275	13,913	11,829	10,243	9,636	8,680	8,002
Laos, Vientiane	2	-	-	56	122	208	136	204	226	254
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	711	781	1,064	837	924	914	660	386	339	328
New Zealand, Auckland	405	471	457	419	495	482	446	382	409	432
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	23	15	11	13	26	16	10	18	25	16
Philippines, Manila	41,655	39,162	43,262	44,002	42,996	46,583	39,878	34,540	41,218	37,277
Singapore, Singapore	440	358	342	311	357	378	288	244	287	251
Thailand, Bangkok	2,248	2,325	2,415	2,349	2,079	2,126	1,585	1,288	1,233	1,152
Orderly Departure Program, Bangkok	4,917	15,205	31,113	32,402	39,500	15,513	8,018	11,926	10,080	15,372
Refugee and Migration Affairs Office, Bangkok [11, 12]	388	422	343	377	259	391	389	47	16	21
Taipei [13]	10,205	9,772	11,290	10,627	9,369	8,455	6,387	7,057	10,321	8,377
East Asia and Pacific Total	**125,758**	**132,213**	**152,505**	**151,595**	**155,548**	**126,704**	**101,355**	**104,338**	**112,564**	**110,111**

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(All Categories, Including Replaced Visas)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe and Canada (EUR)										
Albania, Tirana [14]						94	683	1,126	3,767	4,406
Austria, Vienna	490	650	880	290	440	310	329	385	343	315
Belgium, Brussels	409	385	404	403	512	370	342	314	431	312
Bermuda, Hamilton	174	189	177	113	129	169	120	88	103	67
Bulgaria, Sofia	31	51	130	173	243	427	426	1,493	942	2,397
Canada, Calgary [5]	1,427	1,119	1,177	1,273	1,357	1,353	1,248	429		
Halifax [9]	199									
Montreal	2,816	3,063	3,482	3,461	3,048	3,091	2,898	2,034	5,253	5,087
Quebec [9]	268									
Toronto [5]	7,392	6,768	6,199	5,463	5,664	6,573	6,034	3,307		
Vancouver [12]	2,568	2,674	2,793	2,690	2,200	2,048	1,739	1,671	1,836	1,060
Croatia, Zagreb	208	244	258	228	216	293	250	353	288	220
Cyprus, Nicosia	357	452	887	897	785	572	421	436	460	497
Czech Republic, Prague	53	92	142	165	408	386	371	627	603	643
Denmark, Copenhagen	308	372	364	303	443	362	321	311	289	217
Finland, Helsinki	147	118	111	134	285	442	290	296	336	286
France, Paris	1,783	1,643	1,857	1,784	2,086	1,745	1,729	1,392	1,362	1,187
German Democratic Republic, Berlin [15]	11	26	13							
Germany, Federal Republic of, Frankfurt	4,871	4,631	5,130	5,560	8,117	4,932	5,132	4,647	4,190	4,297
Berlin, Embassy Branch Office [15]				96						
Berlin, U.S. Mission [15]	235	237	291							
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	7,434	7,889	8,170	8,201	12,211	9,885	9,583	5,971	5,666	4,987
Belfast [9]	48									
Edinburgh [9]	56									
Greece, Athens	1,418	1,314	1,137	1,088	971	1,054	820	767	832	785
Beirut Files [16]	1,325	1,321	539	73						
Thessaloniki [9]	219									
Hungary, Budapest	114	119	166	261	435	447	360	432	439	396
Iceland, Reykjavik	86	85	82	88	109	99	85	91	128	70
Ireland, Dublin	3,471	9,914	4,480	3,023	12,731	12,314	18,080	1,435	615	497
Italy, Naples	2,379	2,088	1,785	1,646	1,649	1,593	1,490	1,307	1,065	1,283
Malta, Valletta	90	57	40	51	61	30	60	80	65	58
Netherlands, Amsterdam	510	551	624	533	670	570	594	551	521	419
Norway, Oslo	292	303	257	284	464	308	233	264	285	216
Poland, Warsaw	3,120	3,610	7,351	10,709	21,564	24,805	26,873	10,738	13,294	10,723
Portugal, Lisbon	934	1,273	1,027	1,519	1,788	1,150	1,414	1,167	842	726
Oporto [9]	1,206	1,325	1,292	603						
Ponta Delgada	770	718	682	540	349	488	452	301	269	269
Romania, Bucharest	433	669	920	3,160	552	870	1,068	3,610	3,255	4,251
Russia, Moscow	428	648	580	1,248	1,667	2,416	3,445	6,190	6,921	7,679
Serbia-Montenegro, Belgrade	961	1,090	1,024	1,122	1,038	1,058	1,240	1,619	1,504	1,661
Spain, Madrid	1,065	1,045	939	995	1,021	790	708	668	627	558
Sweden, Stockholm	568	602	661	682	755	664	515	649	659	605
Switzerland, Bern	578	558	548	508	697	589	570	621	690	883
Turkey, Ankara	639	803	1,119	1,207	1,101	1,423	1,382	1,866	2,647	2,259
Istanbul	1,464	1,599	2,027	1,942	2,061	1,920	1,801	2,861	3,007	2,949
Europe and Canada Total	**53,355**	**60,295**	**59,745**	**62,516**	**87,827**	**85,640**	**93,106**	**60,097**	**63,534**	**62,265**
Near East (NEA)										
Algeria, Algiers	40	22	58	32	157	140	152	445	581	145
Bahrain, Manama	44	91	96	100	102	116	76	127	121	116

Table XV
Immigrant Visas Issued by Issuing Office (Continued)
(All Categories, Including Replaced Visas)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Near East (NEA)–Continued										
Egypt, Cairo	1,708	1,890	2,308	2,501	2,027	2,129	2,072	4,693	4,375	4,142
Iraq, Baghdad [17]	133	183	579							
Israel, Tel Aviv	2,054	2,470	2,348	2,033	2,528	2,333	1,715	1,267	1,384	1,270
Jerusalem	1,571	1,866	1,551	1,396	1,381	1,675	1,274	1,383	1,327	1,303
Jordan, Amman	1,128	1,374	1,657	1,695	4,757	3,584	2,828	3,195	3,683	3,650
Kuwait, Kuwait	544	572	501	42	207	284	178	324	449	385
Lebanon, Beirut [18]	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco, Casablanca	168	191	286	384	212	295	325	1,041	759	1,670
Oman, Muscat	52	41	61	38	59	84	77	110	140	125
Qatar, Doha	44	106	136	124	95	134	122	123	140	127
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	599	742	1,042	877	662	775	702	1,217	1,293	1,238
Syria, Damascus	2,596	2,439	2,526	2,608	2,794	3,378	3,091	2,921	3,654	3,010
Tunisia, Tunis	29	49	144	194	90	73	101	124	148	183
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	468	492	662	689	742	1,167	1,510	2,013	2,361	2,280
Beirut Files [16]					680	352	206	236	155	112
Yemen, Sanaa	542	762	1,781	1,333	2,128	1,605	775	1,646	1,941	1,980
Near East Total	**11,735**	**13,310**	**15,736**	**14,046**	**18,621**	**18,124**	**15,204**	**20,865**	**22,511**	**21,736**
South Asia (SA)										
Bangladesh, Dhaka	1,044	1,255	3,571	6,124	2,209	2,868	2,923	6,829	5,506	7,974
India, New Delhi	4,965	5,382	6,452	6,212	7,161	9,049	9,160	9,432	8,567	9,042
Calcutta [19]	1,090	1,046	802	777	642	61	96	93	97	97
Chennai (Madras)	4,680	4,988	4,973	5,218	5,369	5,196	4,231	4,552	5,466	4,838
Mumbai (Bombay)	10,918	10,263	10,874	10,556	10,530	13,281	10,610	11,566	13,972	13,306
Nepal, Kathmandu	90	78	107	105	102	138	132	181	251	268
Pakistan, Islamabad [20]								2,571	9,184	9,915
Karachi [5]	2,515	2,969	3,710	3,791	3,725	7,797	7,222	5,970		
Lahore [21]	1,539	2,381	2,997	3,943	3,536					
Sri Lanka, Colombo	309	366	521	633	402	480	490	442	507	592
South Asia Total	**27,150**	**28,728**	**34,007**	**37,359**	**33,676**	**38,870**	**34,864**	**41,636**	**43,550**	**46,032**
Grand Total	**392,419**	**412,860**	**437,768**	**448,314**	**527,996**	**541,119**	**505,332**	**409,405**	**425,930**	**418,889**

[1] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1993

[2] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1996

[3] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1989

[4] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1994

[5] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1995

[6] The U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu was evacuated on January 5, 1991. Visa services have not subsequently been resumed.

[7] Visa services at Embassy Khartoum were suspended on February 5, 1996 and have not subsequently been resumed. Khartoum's visa services are being handled through Embassy Cairo.

[8] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1991

[9] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1988

Table XV
Immigrant Visas Issued by Issuing Office (Continued)
(All Categories, Including Replaced Visas)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

[10] Immigrant visas services began in Fiscal Year 1994

[11] Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 1988

[12] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1997

[13] The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan

[14] Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 1993

[15] With the unification of Germany on October 3, 1990 visa services in Berlin were consolidated at the Embassy Branch Office, Berlin. immigrant visa services at that office ceased in Fiscal Year 1991

[16] Beirut immigrant visa files, which had been temporarily located at Embassy Athens, were transferred to Embassy Abu Dhabi during Fiscal Year 1991. One immigrant visa included in the Beirut Files total for Fiscal Year 1991 was issued at Abu Dhabi after transfer of Beirut Files

[17] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1990

[18] Regular visa services have been suspended since Fiscal Year 1985

[19] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1992, with the exception of visas for returning residents and for orphans to be adopted in the United States

[20] Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 1995

[21] Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1992

Table XVI(A)
Classes of Nonimmigrants Issued Visas
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Class of Nonimmigrant		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total		**5,359,620**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**
A	Foreign Government Official	64,759	67,190	73,877	78,078	79,291
B-1	Temporary Visitor for Business	229,272	216,825	208,073	204,374	232,377
B-2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	636,310	690,946	1,058,332	1,012,511	1,020,402
B-1/B-2	Temporary Visitor for Business and Pleasure	2,938,055	2,987,629	3,129,435	3,369,635	3,070,539
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card [1]	429,436	532,611	543,122	361,379	387,845
C	Transit	173,100	177,815	185,291	186,556	46,062
C-1/D	Combination Transit/Crew Member (Indiv. Iss.) [2]					152,215
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (Individual Issuance)	152,899	161,790	164,656	168,192	20,349
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,602	13,996	14,218	13,363	12,718
E	Treaty Trader or Investor	30,563	30,931	30,185	29,909	29,758
F	Student	231,903	235,218	248,645	262,197	288,582
G	Representative/Staff of International Organization	25,780	26,525	28,311	30,258	29,221
H	Temporary Worker and Trainee	86,357	98,008	114,370	121,340	161,278
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media	9,379	14,698	11,698	21,494	12,056
J	Exchange Visitor	184,641	198,790	204,926	204,232	213,687
K	Fiance(e) of U.S. Citizen	9,764	9,212	10,003	11,597	13,455
L	Intracompany Transferee	44,201	49,116	62,596	69,715	80,065
M	Vocational Student	5,910	5,678	6,316	6,753	7,359
NATO	NATO Official	4,597	4,815	5,511	5,490	5,112
N	Certain Relatives of SK Special Immigrants	15	49	83	23	21
O	Person With Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	3,285	3,980	4,879	4,874	5,941
P	Athlete, Artist, or Entertainer	15,309	20,379	23,717	24,453	27,548
Q	International Cultural Exchange Program Participant	890	1,069	943	1,661	1,290
R	Person in a Religious Occupation	3,214	4,291	4,907	5,511	6,373
S	Informant Possessing Information on Criminal Activity or Terrorism [3]		-	-	-	-
NAFTA	NAFTA Professional [4]		22	148	346	511
Other Nonimmigrant Classes						
BCC	Border Crossing Cards (BCC) [1]	66,379	59,370	47,580	43,929	38,006

[1] Border crossing cards are issued at posts in Canada and Mexico. Combination B1/B2/BCC issuances began in Fiscal Year 1984 at posts in Mexico and in Fiscal Year 1992 at posts in Canada.

[2] Beginning with Fiscal Year 1997, combination C-1/D visas (issued in lieu of separate concurrent C-1 and D visas) are counted as one visa, not two.

[3] Category established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-322) and effective September 13, 1994 through September 12, 1999 only.

[4] Category established by INA 214(e) as amended by the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and effective January 1, 1994.

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Visa Symbol/Class		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	9,767	9,856	9,811	9,940	10,869
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	52,923	55,171	61,614	65,998	66,152
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,069	2,163	2,452	2,140	2,270
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	229,272	216,825	208,073	204,374	232,377
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	636,310	690,946	1,058,332	1,012,511	1,020,402
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	2,938,055	2,987,629	3,129,435	3,369,635	3,070,539
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card [1]	429,436	532,611	543,122	361,379	387,845
C-1	Person in transit	167,165	172,021	177,538	178,403	37,423
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) [2]					152,215
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	223	114	58	66	44
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	5,712	5,680	7,695	8,087	8,595
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (sea or air) (individual issuance)	152,899	161,790	164,656	168,192	20,349
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,602	13,996	14,218	13,363	12,718
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	12,071	11,695	11,082	10,471	9,497
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	18,492	19,236	19,103	19,438	20,261
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	210,220	214,546	227,761	241,003	266,483
F-2	Spouse or child of student	21,683	20,672	20,884	21,194	22,099
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	4,003	3,957	4,075	4,382	4,800
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	7,041	7,341	9,263	10,457	8,564
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	289	273	283	248	202
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	12,875	13,365	13,247	13,662	14,109
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,572	1,589	1,443	1,509	1,546
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse	6,388	6,441	7,261	1,745	61
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	35,818	42,843	51,832	58,327	80,547
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	7,243	7,721	8,379	11,004	16,011
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	9,691	10,400	11,737	12,200	15,706
H-3	Trainee	1,785	1,803	1,843	1,877	1,747
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B, H-2A/B, or H-3	25,432	28,800	33,318	36,187	47,206
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	9,379	14,698	11,698	21,494	12,056
J-1	Exchange visitor	151,281	166,639	171,445	171,164	179,598
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	33,360	32,151	33,481	33,068	34,089

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification (Continued)
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Visa Symbol/Class		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
K–1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	8,926	8,469	9,108	10,502	12,088
K–2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	838	743	895	1,095	1,367
L–1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	20,369	22,666	29,088	32,098	36,589
L–2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	23,832	26,450	33,508	37,617	43,476
M–1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	5,536	5,395	6,079	6,429	7,075
M–2	Spouse or child of vocational student	374	283	237	324	284
NATO–1	Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S., and resident members of official staff; principal NATO officers; and immediate family	6	1	10	12	6
NATO–2	Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and immediate family; dependents of member of a force entering in accordance with provisions of NATO agreements; members of such force if issued visas	4,082	4,094	4,766	4,980	4,485
NATO–3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	3	-	-	2	3
NATO–4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO–1), and immediate family	77	100	187	108	313
NATO–5	Experts, other than NATO–4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	179	405	366	218	135
NATO–6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	242	209	176	164	163
NATO–7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO–1 through NATO–6, and immediate family	8	6	6	6	7
N–8	Parent of SK–3 special immigrant	12	24	47	14	19
N–9	Child of N–8 or of SK–1, SK–2 or SK–4 special immigrant	3	25	36	9	2
O–1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	2,002	2,464	2,879	2,765	3,345
O–2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O–1	1,001	1,161	1,481	1,594	1,848
O–3	Spouse or child of O–1 or O–2	282	355	519	515	748
P–1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	11,297	14,955	17,575	17,457	18,991
P–2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	121	146	135	143	194
P–3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	3,642	4,837	5,498	6,285	7,756
P–4	Spouse or child of P–1, P–2, or P–3	249	441	509	568	607
Q–1	Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program	890	1,069	943	1,661	1,290
R–1	Person in a religious occupation	2,584	3,303	3,886	4,285	5,082

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification (Continued)
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1993 – 1997

Visa Symbol/Class		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
R–2	Spouse or child of R–1	630	988	1,021	1,226	1,291
S–5	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise [3]		-	-	-	-
S–6	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation [3]		-	-	-	-
S–7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S–5 or S–6 [3]		-	-	-	-
TN	NAFTA professional [4]		4	34	115	171
TD	Spouse or child of TN [4]		18	114	231	340
Other Nonimmigrant Classes						
BCC	Border Crossing Cards [1]	66,379	59,370	47,580	43,929	38,006
Grand Total		**5,359,620**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**

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Table XVII (Part I)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
Africa													
Algeria	90	1,661	3,430	507	0	57	8	12	0	120	221	88	8
Angola	226	10	271	1,421	1	29	12	14	0	239	118	0	4
Benin	57	104	249	375	0	39	1	29	0	47	116	18	0
Botswana	90	2	54	366	0	3	0	1	0	204	42	3	2
Burkina Faso	27	12	309	487	1	33	0	62	0	43	161	3	0
Burundi	7	57	60	97	3	49	0	0	0	36	68	2	0
Cameroon	107	242	1,128	768	0	54	0	3	3	207	268	47	3
Cape Verde	28	17	763	3,273	0	17	54	5	0	21	32	1	3
Central African Republic	12	7	33	69	0	6	0	23	0	15	32	6	0
Chad	77	17	89	110	0	7	0	59	0	26	66	0	0
Comoros	4	2	4	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	27	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	56	15	123	264	0	8	0	51	0	32	36	5	0
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	42	39	332	1,988	0	125	0	0	0	174	145	18	0
Cote d'Ivoire	151	104	1,127	2,481	4	100	1	63	0	200	273	29	11
Djibouti	42	8	265	23	0	20	0	0	0	5	33	0	0
Egypt	2,234	487	819	30,988	334	327	843	107	2	887	272	571	56
Equatorial Guinea	19	63	28	30	0	0	0	0	0	9	11	0	0
Eritrea	68	176	574	401	0	13	0	0	0	27	12	1	0
Ethiopia	70	429	1,179	2,304	2	40	1	11	1	284	290	40	0
Gabon	124	4	148	628	0	3	5	12	0	93	125	5	0
Gambia	72	15	101	1,127	0	30	0	0	0	174	49	4	0
Ghana	220	1,300	3,077	4,994	0	123	308	1	1	589	314	103	13
Guinea	187	48	315	2,730	0	28	3	14	0	211	182	11	0
Guinea-Bissau	43	10	37	84	0	6	0	1	0	5	38	1	0
Kenya	213	193	1,447	3,899	0	26	3	4	1	2,767	319	226	0
Lesotho	12	1	21	105	0	5	0	0	0	8	39	3	0
Liberia	1	161	907	645	0	5	2	0	0	181	66	14	1
Libya	2	27	159	73	0	0	0	0	0	10	107	11	0
Madagascar	68	59	214	183	0	12	24	0	1	30	90	7	0
Malawi	67	4	57	422	0	4	0	0	0	142	95	6	0
Mali	74	471	674	1,191	0	81	0	16	0	88	182	15	6
Mauritania	37	83	228	152	0	7	4	10	0	51	100	0	0
Mauritius	33	16	522	926	0	5	105	0	0	62	55	17	0
Morocco	669	356	1,629	11,593	11	50	144	201	4	629	195	106	20

Table XVII (Part II)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Africa															
Algeria	108	14	38	12	0	0	3	4	0	2	0	3	6,386	492	6,878
Angola	14	1	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2,397	4	2,401
Benin	62	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1,105	10	1,115
Botswana	82	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	850	0	850
Burkina Faso	31	2	0	2	0	0	0	17	0	2	0	0	1,192	4	1,196
Burundi	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	387	74	461
Cameroon	87	12	4	2	0	0	1	21	2	1	0	0	2,960	10	2,970
Cape Verde	8	29	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	4,261	1	4,262
Central African Republic	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	208	2	210
Chad	33	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	490	9	499
Comoros	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51
Congo, Republic of the	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	604	7	611
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	33	5	10	6	0	0	0	24	66	9	0	0	3,016	159	3,175
Cote d'Ivoire	85	1	1	3	0	0	2	74	0	1	0	0	4,711	45	4,756
Djibouti	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398	0	398
Egypt	1,874	31	134	34	0	2	7	131	0	92	0	2	40,234	462	40,696
Equatorial Guinea	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	0	164
Eritrea	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1,309	34	1,343
Ethiopia	149	24	10	0	0	0	0	5	0	9	0	1	4,849	448	5,297
Gabon	6	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,160	1	1,161
Gambia	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1,586	0	1,586
Ghana	355	76	16	6	0	0	8	61	0	24	0	1	11,590	3	11,593
Guinea	56	2	2	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	3,799	35	3,834
Guinea-Bissau	23	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	251	0	251
Kenya	331	20	24	86	0	0	2	37	8	21	0	0	9,627	1	9,628
Lesotho	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	210	0	210
Liberia	26	13	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	2,040	16	2,056
Libya	4	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	411	0	411
Madagascar	69	5	1	0	0	0	0	15	0	12	0	0	790	6	796
Malawi	88	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	891	0	891
Mali	74	3	0	0	0	0	2	8	69	0	0	1	2,955	44	2,999
Mauritania	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	685	2	687
Mauritius	29	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1,777	0	1,777
Morocco	350	40	20	8	0	0	2	20	62	0	0	0	16,109	334	16,443

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Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
Africa–Continued													
Mozambique	103	14	27	371	0	32	3	0	0	39	75	0	0
Namibia	139	26	39	304	0	4	0	0	0	27	19	3	0
Niger	70	176	159	91	0	21	1	19	0	46	83	5	0
Nigeria	145	258	848	21,114	0	91	5	28	0	774	262	416	20
Rwanda	26	4	42	396	0	35	0	0	0	85	57	2	0
Sao Tome and Principe	7	0	2	19	0	2	1	0	0	0	16	0	0
Senegal	201	207	1,278	4,218	0	129	0	46	0	385	294	31	3
Seychelles	7	14	70	92	0	3	1	0	0	4	4	4	0
Sierra Leone	19	9	445	1,313	0	36	0	1	0	76	85	24	1
Somalia	0	32	312	163	0	7	0	4	0	17	43	0	0
South Africa	479	260	3,589	59,149	4	521	653	56	15	794	131	2,670	60
Sudan	106	693	1,403	419	2	30	4	30	0	218	144	49	1
Swaziland	33	2	19	150	0	2	0	0	1	20	55	3	0
Tanzania	36	331	1,184	719	0	28	5	22	0	589	182	46	1
Togo	54	18	177	540	0	37	0	9	0	88	84	7	0
Tunisia	260	95	3,235	3,327	9	12	39	49	0	152	139	39	1
Uganda	136	14	233	1,476	0	13	41	2	0	249	153	16	1
Zambia	87	8	186	1,254	0	7	2	11	0	193	133	17	1
Zimbabwe	183	33	205	3,532	0	9	19	4	0	507	231	79	6
Region Total for Africa	**7,320**	**8,394**	**33,826**	**173,356**	**371**	**2,332**	**2,292**	**981**	**29**	**11,880**	**6,369**	**4,772**	**222**
Asia													
Afghanistan	2	46	1,451	361	0	17	0	0	0	16	28	8	0
Bahrain	272	4	1,102	1,229	0	1	45	4	0	231	20	4	0
Bangladesh	267	569	5,221	3,870	0	86	680	2	0	877	375	475	5
Bhutan	12	20	61	43	0	0	3	6	0	19	40	1	0
Brunei	31	1	40	136	0	8	1	81	0	10	40	2	0
Burma	41	286	865	34	0	721	10	1,039	0	129	111	61	0
Cambodia	86	107	2,026	435	0	10	0	0	1	92	49	5	0
China (mainland)	882	144,278	44,664	1,770	8	9,108	53	2,763	21	15,852	680	6,199	234
(Taiwan)	2	153	1,490	312,840	582	425	1,607	10	968	15,517	9	2,005	191

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Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Africa–Continued															
Mozambique	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	743	0	743
Namibia	128	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	693	0	693
Niger	29	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	704	2	706
Nigeria	282	312	108	27	0	0	6	263	1	117	0	0	25,077	0	25,077
Rwanda	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	669	36	705
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	47
Senegal	207	6	11	1	0	0	9	41	0	0	0	1	7,068	66	7,134
Seychelles	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	6	209
Sierra Leone	24	8	1	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	2,053	3	2,056
Somalia	4	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	595	24	619
South Africa	2,518	34	857	35	0	0	52	199	0	143	0	0	72,219	2	72,221
Sudan	60	6	5	8	0	0	8	0	0	3	0	0	3,189	173	3,362
Swaziland	23	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	1	311
Tanzania	214	4	6	10	0	0	0	3	0	11	0	0	3,391	0	3,391
Togo	32	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1,052	11	1,063
Tunisia	132	2	14	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	7,515	115	7,630
Uganda	139	3	0	2	0	0	0	18	1	13	0	0	2,510	0	2,510
Zambia	127	3	1	1	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	2,045	0	2,045
Zimbabwe	166	3	18	15	0	0	1	15	0	6	0	0	5,032	0	5,032
Region Total for Africa	**8,254**	**702**	**1,342**	**295**	**0**	**2**	**113**	**1,000**	**210**	**492**	**0**	**14**	**264,568**	**2,642**	**267,210**
Asia															
Afghanistan	11	58	8	2	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	2,029	256	2,285
Bahrain	26	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2,947	1	2,948
Bangladesh	190	6	42	4	0	0	2	11	0	5	0	1	12,688	0	12,688
Bhutan	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	223	1	224
Brunei	6	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	397	0	397
Burma	44	10	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	3,415	37	3,452
Cambodia	43	78	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	79	0	0	3,020	30	3,050
China (mainland)	8,056	849	5,829	65	0	0	120	610	130	23	0	49	242,243	8,260	250,503
(Taiwan)	1,560	43	699	124	0	0	20	102	0	121	0	2	338,470	6,431	344,901

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Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
Asia–Continued													
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region [1]	6	58	900	3,903	54	9	13	0	0	134	0	23	1
India	939	17,091	78,280	66,139	1	1,022	10,664	492	10	11,284	1,193	49,921	137
Indonesia	998	807	1,398	56,224	103	168	5,001	38	3	10,857	391	399	182
Iran	8	551	16,152	2,471	0	84	36	12	8	448	496	303	5
Iraq	6	77	1,243	607	0	24	1	2	1	40	144	202	0
Israel	1,724	114	2,024	114,705	551	167	107	776	747	1,948	66	1,795	48
Japan	9,280	1,146	884	7,726	26	2,711	5,679	9	13,371	36,275	375	5,625	1,927
Jordan	992	145	1,617	10,027	73	42	189	384	1	744	89	381	13
Korea, North	0	62	1,517	10	0	7	1	0	0	33	109	2	0
Korea, South	2,557	775	6,438	542,078	3,405	258	3,499	7	2,099	41,386	240	1,910	635
Kuwait	650	5	42	10,781	8	5	5	52	0	1,336	44	24	0
Laos	53	54	601	10	0	23	0	0	0	65	65	0	0
Lebanon	220	352	2,409	10,520	49	58	17	73	1	548	100	258	33
Malaysia	799	226	3,910	53,394	0	177	2,335	73	7	4,390	101	736	104
Maldives	12	9	5	15	0	0	6	0	0	4	28	0	0
Mongolia	72	355	284	122	0	20	0	0	4	662	104	15	0
Nepal	111	928	2,009	614	0	245	2	43	0	1,025	195	136	4
Oman	158	8	1,254	378	0	3	32	11	0	291	22	4	0
Pakistan	832	695	18,546	20,772	0	225	799	51	103	1,974	431	2,078	25
Palestinian Authority Travel Document	0	123	481	2,181	1	4	0	0	0	183	4	28	0
Philippines	1,663	8,448	11,402	74,805	5,868	725	28,079	341	136	748	1,102	5,347	58
Qatar	263	3	17	2,024	0	0	1	6	0	344	41	2	0
Saudi Arabia	3,702	57	391	38,725	0	275	19	724	0	5,640	147	79	11
Singapore	1,911	62	423	55,933	0	54	1,760	19	4	1,443	83	484	29
Sri Lanka	268	973	2,811	2,918	0	116	281	10	1	591	202	346	0
Syria	73	251	1,152	6,874	8	29	15	150	0	248	109	291	1
Thailand	905	329	1,094	53,217	58	265	1,722	18	195	6,054	120	193	59
United Arab Emirates	705	7	954	6,569	2	1	1	34	0	2,380	20	1	0
Vietnam	248	2,384	1,792	347	2	119	0	0	2	1,177	208	18	6
Yemen	105	183	861	1,683	1	12	3	5	0	333	91	17	1
Region Total for Asia	**30,855**	**181,742**	**217,811**	**1,466,490**	**10,800**	**17,224**	**62,666**	**7,235**	**17,683**	**165,328**		**79,378**	**3,709**

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Nonimmigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Asia–Continued															
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region [1]	17	0	12	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	5,136	58	5,194
India	4,311	587	3,323	389	0	0	430	2,779	3	710	0	8	249,713	2	249,715
Indonesia	932	47	358	155	0	0	2	3	1	15	0	1	78,083	130	78,213
Iran	193	326	44	5	0	0	6	6	2	1	0	7	21,164	0	21,164
Iraq	20	82	7	0	0	0	8	2	0	1	0	0	2,467	0	2,467
Israel	2,959	32	1,131	33	0	0	67	108	0	77	0	1	129,180	400	129,580
Japan	11,299	315	16,935	1,195	1	0	207	592	43	255	0	4	115,880	213	116,093
Jordan	374	71	37	4	0	0	4	1	0	6	0	3	15,197	226	15,423
Korea, North	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,745	0	1,745
Korea, South	9,023	201	2,927	367	0	0	128	342	0	231	0	4	618,510	501	619,011
Kuwait	62	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,027	11	13,038
Laos	14	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,016	3	1,019
Lebanon	368	120	46	12	0	0	46	72	0	11	0	13	15,326	818	16,144
Malaysia	1,152	20	459	25	0	0	3	5	0	23	0	2	67,941	0	67,941
Maldives	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	81
Mongolia	235	2	9	14	0	0	1	6	0	3	0	0	1,908	1	1,909
Nepal	203	9	11	47	0	2	0	4	0	75	0	0	5,663	46	5,709
Oman	279	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,442	0	2,442
Pakistan	1,636	98	273	18	0	1	32	68	0	31	0	6	48,694	1	48,695
Palestinian Authority Travel Document	133	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,148	11	3,159
Philippines	1,055	1,981	679	38	1	1	73	144	0	260	0	5	142,959	2,084	145,043
Qatar	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,784	0	2,784
Saudi Arabia	1,012	1	300	338	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	51,425	18	51,443
Singapore	518	11	346	47	0	0	9	2	0	21	0	0	63,159	0	63,159
Sri Lanka	187	9	18	8	1	1	4	7	0	20	0	0	8,772	6	8,778
Syria	265	84	16	13	0	0	17	14	1	2	0	0	9,613	301	9,914
Thailand	1,818	234	84	32	0	0	11	22	0	207	0	2	66,639	35	66,674
United Arab Emirates	64	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,741	0	10,741
Vietnam	353	808	11	4	0	0	0	24	1	27	0	4	7,535	1,004	8,539
Yemen	62	4	12	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,390	29	3,419
Region Total for Asia	**48,578**	**6,225**	**33,678**	**2,979**	**3**	**5**	**1,200**	**4,950**	**182**	**2,265**	**0**	**112**	**2,368,770**	**20,914**	**2,389,684**

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Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	J
Europe													
Albania	124	15	323	1,515	1	13	1	1	0	204	25	40	13
Andorra	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	0
Armenia	72	689	3,667	169	0	50	1	0	0	73	70	134	6
Austria	195	99	1,385	804	83	5	1,159	8	151	1,042	109	381	112
Azerbaijan	107	192	592	242	0	4	8	8	0	99	29	15	19
Belarus	146	865	2,528	663	0	43	24	2	0	181	141	164	2
Belgium	226	78	97	723	25	13	331	502	148	680	209	535	98
Bosnia and Herzegovina	118	48	823	1,070	1	10	8	4	32	172	58	29	6
Bulgaria	252	63	4,378	3,208	10	411	758	5	6	1,674	149	507	58
Croatia	200	103	3,784	7,447	11	118	3,577	43	23	554	83	244	79
Cyprus	37	10	1,434	3,750	0	6	24	2	0	896	35	79	7
Czech Republic	324	71	31,303	10,794	62	99	160	137	6	581	104	159	79
Denmark	174	181	986	2,917	73	11	1,543	17	132	807	319	444	115
Estonia	95	34	665	3,511	6	114	71	0	2	147	30	42	19
Finland	191	62	195	535	33	4	427	16	157	514	160	281	72
France	2,661	510	785	2,238	6	64	5,272	55	1,082	4,847	957	2,812	335
Georgia	216	163	1,816	504	0	12	130	9	0	226	48	51	18
Germany	1,368	328	809	17,154	447	427	5,364	64	2,425	8,466	526	3,086	914
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3,111	1,176	24,722	141,356	3	398	11,984	118	2,566	6,370	687	11,177	1,532
Greece	363	130	5,820	31,704	130	78	3,660	432	5	1,299	86	374	117
Hungary	217	107	6,190	31,808	63	1,047	10	709	1	746	172	368	113
Iceland	24	0	19	953	1	0	272	40	0	243	22	72	4
Ireland	163	102	109	1,697	0	3	674	27	60	469	91	751	63
Italy	644	79	351	4,382	230	54	3,618	83	694	3,599	391	1,099	196
Kazakhstan	411	935	875	172	0	34	3	1	1	434	94	57	8
Kyrgyzstan	171	220	409	163	0	6	0	0	0	91	75	6	0
Latvia	169	88	1,213	2,279	3	26	316	12	4	140	55	70	15
Liechtenstein	1	3	1	19	0	0	1	0	0	49	5	2	1
Lithuania	217	28	626	4,514	5	16	419	2	0	195	31	74	12
Luxembourg	14	0	4	211	1	0	17	4	8	44	15	15	0
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	212	25	593	2,487	3	169	0	90	0	224	56	30	11
Malta	21	2	21	4,987	0	1	13	0	3	18	24	10	1

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Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Europe															
Albania	230	29	8	2	1	0	4	3	0	6	0	0	2,558	58	2,616
Andorra	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	21
Armenia	318	8	37	0	0	0	2	58	0	4	0	0	5,358	39	5,397
Austria	1,726	23	359	79	1	0	69	374	1	19	0	3	8,187	16	8,203
Azerbaijan	147	0	4	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	1,473	9	1,482
Belarus	665	69	38	1	0	0	3	46	0	3	0	0	5,584	59	5,643
Belgium	1,267	15	611	101	372	0	33	109	0	18	0	2	6,193	43	6,236
Bosnia and Herzegovina	265	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,657	236	2,893
Bulgaria	901	26	85	8	1	0	29	48	0	5	0	1	12,583	374	12,957
Croatia	691	10	34	3	0	0	17	9	0	26	0	1	17,057	246	17,303
Cyprus	556	1	4	25	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6,872	0	6,872
Czech Republic	2,305	14	78	7	0	0	15	257	1	18	0	1	46,575	101	46,676
Denmark	2,251	11	519	49	172	0	40	24	1	34	0	0	10,820	10	10,830
Estonia	358	11	9	1	0	0	0	66	0	6	0	1	5,188	26	5,214
Finland	2,033	23	699	29	0	0	35	82	0	29	0	1	5,578	7	5,585
France	10,603	100	3,672	278	27	0	313	598	243	67	0	5	37,530	200	37,730
Georgia	365	3	14	0	0	0	5	16	0	1	0	0	3,597	18	3,615
Germany	23,437	194	4,707	548	1,409	1	264	542	132	127	0	12	72,751	117	72,868
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20,161	567	11,492	318	474	3	1,508	3,702	179	271	0	17	243,892	29	243,921
Greece	672	27	59	47	307	0	26	206	0	6	0	0	45,548	61	45,609
Hungary	1,925	19	91	14	2	0	21	236	2	49	0	3	43,913	138	44,051
Iceland	298	3	46	80	0	0	15	12	1	6	0	0	2,111	0	2,111
Ireland	8,507	43	874	57	1	0	107	673	3	99	0	0	14,573	0	14,573
Italy	3,742	49	903	214	511	0	235	272	71	108	0	5	21,530	135	21,665
Kazakhstan	665	39	29	0	0	0	3	7	0	2	0	0	3,770	35	3,805
Kyrgyzstan	255	21	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	2	0	0	1,439	7	1,446
Latvia	375	15	17	6	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	4,811	37	4,848
Liechtenstein	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	88
Lithuania	728	37	5	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0	6,925	29	6,954
Luxembourg	52	0	19	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	413	0	413
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	472	1	0	3	0	0	6	7	0	4	0	0	4,393	89	4,482
Malta	64	2	3	7	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	5,184	0	5,184

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Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
Europe–Continued													
Moldova	90	315	440	90	0	22	3	2	0	79	59	25	0
Monaco	0	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	1	1
Netherlands	256	93	259	2,634	214	9	3,944	34	313	1,408	295	1,178	168
Norway	214	180	471	569	35	10	1,850	29	296	1,251	77	318	93
Poland	617	328	5,959	67,894	357	194	4,413	27	28	1,076	229	1,156	215
Portugal	233	110	5,080	36,743	1,912	250	810	359	3	513	111	131	126
Romania	440	375	4,773	12,789	652	409	1,184	11	2	834	126	489	127
Russia	3,239	2,407	6,073	81,828	8	1,477	7,237	23	0	4,495	1,442	2,846	355
San Marino	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro [2]	25	160	9,653	4,284	13	680	29	552	2	752	75	391	80
Slovakia	304	158	2,457	9,340	0	192	20	147	8	393	89	141	41
Slovenia	270	8	105	9,546	1	21	145	14	56	206	38	30	61
Spain	569	420	369	3,281	9	16	686	1,160	258	4,018	260	1,143	295
Sweden	341	209	1,398	2,809	63	588	1,376	613	492	2,954	217	721	145
Switzerland	221	379	285	4,220	30	14	1,125	7	366	5,581	109	668	94
Tajikistan	7	18	29	130	0	12	0	0	0	57	27	1	4
Turkey	697	101	4,924	35,718	116	229	1,225	250	70	4,805	195	714	60
Turkmenistan	39	129	170	14	0	7	0	0	0	39	21	6	1
Ukraine	818	3,193	6,589	3,896	1	166	2,175	367	1	764	267	612	8
Uzbekistan	209	12	58	2,174	0	66	4	267	0	177	81	25	17
Vatican City	59	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	**20,893**	**15,009**	**145,619**	**561,960**	**4,608**	**7,598**	**66,071**	**6,253**	**9,401**	**64,504**	**8,580**	**33,707**	**5,916**
North America													
Antigua and Barbuda	56	6	1,161	1,902	0	3	11	4	0	116	4	18	0
Bahamas	213	212	13,950	92	0	70	119	115	0	1,057	24	101	5
Barbados	242	29	2,795	6,185	1	105	159	3	0	258	35	49	1
Belize	17	13	2,189	4,441	0	176	12	1	0	190	8	17	0
Canada	273	11	13	93	0	18	87	5	1,105	167	467	158	21
Costa Rica	110	152	977	46,486	47	544	686	43	11	463	99	197	54
Cuba	187	2,105	3,055	669	0	122	0	3	0	30	292	49	12

Table XVII (Part II)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Europe–Continued															
Moldova	388	13	4	0	0	0	4	15	0	1	0	0	1,550	36	1,586
Monaco	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	26
Netherlands	3,381	68	1,490	309	279	0	77	237	3	56	0	5	16,710	63	16,773
Norway	2,220	22	394	75	232	0	15	42	138	9	0	1	8,541	5	8,546
Poland	3,492	153	234	8	2	0	50	481	25	105	0	2	87,045	1,232	88,277
Portugal	451	35	125	19	271	0	17	69	0	21	0	1	47,390	321	47,711
Romania	915	109	38	2	0	0	20	210	0	53	0	5	23,563	1,181	24,744
Russia	9,613	1,012	992	28	0	0	420	1,681	5	59	0	4	125,244	978	126,222
San Marino	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
Serbia-Montenegro [2]	492	30	50	49	2	0	13	74	0	19	0	1	17,426	1,406	18,832
Slovakia	1,639	18	16	2	0	0	13	59	0	9	0	1	15,047	110	15,157
Slovenia	249	0	3	3	0	0	2	19	0	1	0	0	10,778	14	10,792
Spain	5,564	53	547	246	133	0	141	442	0	105	0	1	19,716	5	19,721
Sweden	4,825	57	1,162	389	4	0	52	198	1	26	0	1	18,641	11	18,652
Switzerland	2,362	25	835	147	0	0	65	52	0	43	0	3	16,631	13	16,644
Tajikistan	122	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	409	0	409
Turkey	2,221	27	168	42	302	0	13	123	1	13	0	0	52,014	104	52,118
Turkmenistan	137	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	565	0	565
Ukraine	2,806	374	75	1	0	0	55	318	0	89	0	1	22,576	851	23,427
Uzbekistan	423	17	16	4	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	3,558	18	3,576
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	75
Region Total for Europe	**127,349**	**3,384**	**30,572**	**3,205**	**4,508**	**4**	**3,726**	**11,411**	**807**	**1,534**	**0**	**78**	**1,136,697**	**8,467**	**1,145,164**
North America															
Antigua and Barbuda	12	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3,304	0	3,304
Bahamas	24	6	13	154	0	0	4	0	0	9	0	0	16,168	0	16,168
Barbados	41	3	10	10	0	0	1	13	0	17	0	0	9,957	0	9,957
Belize	23	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	7,106	0	7,106
Canada	91	679	190	2	591	5	29	36	0	11	0	10	4,062	0	4,062
Costa Rica	636	58	82	8	0	0	0	7	0	45	0	0	50,705	27	50,732
Cuba	58	80	2	1	0	0	16	309	0	2	0	0	6,992	223	7,215

Table XVII (Part I)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
North America-Continued													
Dominica	29	20	539	1,537	4	32	133	3	0	119	3	28	0
Dominican Republic	461	675	699	52,713	70	441	332	68	62	411	90	794	180
El Salvador	326	99	5,312	29,831	603	1,199	644	4	3	260	105	39	49
Grenada	38	21	743	1,849	0	21	201	5	0	63	10	24	0
Guatemala	425	156	810	41,448	323	831	699	30	0	479	65	329	31
Haiti	208	126	4,930	7,796	8	813	221	52	2	213	103	32	12
Honduras	231	71	575	19,186	92	730	2,697	68	2	316	83	149	6
Jamaica	321	370	1,457	29,009	0	338	952	2	8	1,018	75	2,081	15
Mexico	1,220	14,723	54,148	46,456	367,842	3,761	991	3,052	849	10,045	469	27,962	329
Nicaragua	119	156	2,582	13,958	115	533	1,244	15	0	172	116	53	14
Panama	435	339	317	16,211	32	382	332	97	7	696	58	182	7
Saint Kitts and Nevis	36	11	518	890	0	13	13	2	0	76	5	3	0
Saint Lucia	35	31	1,268	3,165	0	43	126	1	0	92	5	7	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	47	27	511	1,335	0	36	750	2	0	79	5	12	0
Trinidad and Tobago	190	182	2,614	37,311	1	347	1,066	6	2	811	87	268	4
Region Total for North America	**5,219**	**19,535**	**101,163**	**362,563**	**369,138**	**10,558**	**11,475**	**3,581**	**2,051**	**17,131**	**2,208**	**32,552**	**740**
Oceania													
Australia	2,609	82	479	10,195	0	50	1,329	19	212	1,114	192	2,584	236
Fiji	35	29	1,925	1,259	477	630	49	1	0	57	28	3	1
Kiribati	0	1	73	95	0	85	733	4	0	7	3	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	6	8	15	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	17	0	5	18	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	254	90	177	3,824	0	147	645	6	5	357	97	748	51
Palau	6	0	8	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	34	225	379	21	0	68	0	0	0	33	50	2	0
Samoa	7	19	278	1,118	0	37	18	0	0	56	9	0	1
Solomon Islands	12	0	3	44	0	14	2	0	1	2	9	1	0

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Table XVII (Part II)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
Fiscal Year 1997

Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
North America–Continued															
Dominica	6	7	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	2,471	1	2,472
Dominican Republic	428	140	39	5	0	0	10	1,011	0	157	0	1	58,787	132	58,919
El Salvador	149	36	21	10	0	0	2	126	0	19	0	0	38,837	275	39,112
Grenada	16	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
Guatemala	382	29	80	16	0	0	2	45	0	32	0	0	46,212	184	46,396
Haiti	171	43	6	7	0	0	1	189	0	9	0	1	14,943	1,412	16,355
Honduras	294	71	29	3	0	0	1	124	0	36	0	1	24,765	110	24,875
Jamaica	608	125	19	29	0	0	65	884	0	33	0	0	37,409	0	37,409
Mexico	4,765	653	5,595	140	6	0	142	4,431	76	609	0	267	548,531	185	548,716
Nicaragua	226	20	3	2	0	0	0	74	0	15	0	0	19,417	51	19,468
Panama	270	49	59	9	0	0	5	55	0	16	0	0	19,558	25	19,583
Saint Kitts and Nevis	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1,586	0	1,586
Saint Lucia	6	4	8	7	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4,801	0	4,801
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2,817	0	2,817
Trinidad and Tobago	135	35	78	28	0	0	0	210	0	46	0	1	43,422	0	43,422
Region Total for North America	**8,355**	**2,047**	**6,248**	**450**	**597**	**5**	**279**	**7,529**	**76**	**1,069**	**0**	**281**	**964,850**	**2,625**	**967,475**
Oceania															
Australia	4,816	137	2,214	74	3	1	226	269	7	120	0	5	26,973	0	26,973
Fiji	15	12	11	4	0	0	0	2	0	15	0	0	4,553	114	4,667
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,001	0	1,001
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	55
New Zealand	1,698	25	435	21	0	0	45	76	0	73	0	0	8,774	0	8,774
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	29
Papua New Guinea	58	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	873	0	873
Samoa	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	1,594	0	1,594
Solomon Islands	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	93	0	93

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Nationality	A	B-1	B-2	B-1,2	B-1,2/BCC	C	C-1/D	D	E	F	G	H	I
Oceania-Continued													
Tonga	34	14	1,081	797	5	13	11	0	0	64	2	1	0
Tuvalu	5	3	5	16	0	22	109	1	0	0	2	0	0
Vanuatu	15	0	4	30	0	13	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Region Total for Oceania	**3,033**	**469**	**4,425**	**17,445**	**482**	**1,091**	**2,912**	**31**	**218**	**1,692**	**392**	**3,340**	**289**
South America													
Argentina	1,637	68	219	1,206	32	114	393	106	133	3,252	334	886	51
Bolivia	588	163	207	9,732	23	780	4	109	21	377	245	82	33
Brazil	3,381	1,095	488,675	52,018	27	491	28	1,477	34	12,945	1,227	2,057	491
Chile	1,493	527	1,499	46,823	179	676	1,168	7	4	1,044	249	405	118
Colombia	1,225	835	1,149	161,796	151	496	1,605	15	123	4,132	431	850	189
Ecuador	1,030	745	3,843	51,739	684	821	363	340	13	1,244	171	190	25
Guyana	79	173	3,078	4,572	0	463	337	135	0	107	53	25	3
Paraguay	258	110	269	5,982	11	183	3	0	8	296	54	23	11
Peru	838	604	2,299	46,507	199	1,311	730	16	6	844	555	812	113
Suriname	45	2	1,340	1,410	11	189	9	0	9	58	44	12	0
Uruguay	466	49	239	21,397	7[illegible]	102	146	4	0	175	182	73	36
Venezuela	917	2,309	3,977	68,851	115	1,476	833	42	20	3,095	351	1,810	100
Region Total for South America	**11,957**	**6,680**	**506,794**	**472,033**	**1,504**	**7,102**	**5,619**	**2,251**	**371**	**27,569**	**3,896**	**7,225**	**1,170**
No Nationality	**14**	**548**	**10,764**	**16,692**	**942**	**157**	**1,180**	**12,735**	**5**	**478**	**17**	**304**	**10**
United Nations Laissez Passer	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87**	**0**	**0**
Grand Totals	**79,291**	**232,377**	**1,020,402**	**3,070,539**	**387,845**	**46,062**	**152,215**	**33,067**	**29,758**	**288,582**	**29,221**	**161,278**	**12,056**

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Nationality	J	K	L	M	NATO	N	O	P	Q	R	S	NAFTA	Total Visas	BCC	Grand Total
Oceania–Continued															
Tonga	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	17	0	0	2,072	0	2,072
Tuvalu	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	0	164
Vanuatu	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	68
Region Total for Oceania	**6,605**	**179**	**2,661**	**101**	**3**	**1**	**271**	**372**	**7**	**271**	**0**	**5**	**46,295**	**114**	**46,409**
South America															
Argentina	1,591	16	648	28	0	0	63	340	1	90	0	0	11,208	18	11,226
Bolivia	249	18	26	9	0	0	1	44	0	16	0	0	12,727	19	12,746
Brazil	6,913	132	2,550	148	1	0	148	624	0	213	0	2	574,677	364	575,041
Chile	925	28	310	11	0	0	20	50	0	48	0	6	55,590	106	55,696
Colombia	1,525	422	602	47	0	1	26	542	0	140	0	3	176,305	133	176,438
Ecuador	703	52	91	16	0	0	1	103	1	40	0	0	62,215	72	62,287
Guyana	26	62	12	1	0	0	0	61	0	13	0	1	9,201	0	9,201
Paraguay	162	2	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7,391	9	7,400
Peru	487	115	120	13	0	2	21	90	6	91	0	2	55,781	236	56,017
Suriname	12	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3,149	8	3,157
Uruguay	228	4	46	3	0	0	1	19	0	10	0	0	23,252	22	23,274
Venezuela	1,533	44	1,044	36	0	1	51	388	0	64	0	1	87,058	114	87,172
Region Total for South America	**14,354**	**897**	**5,465**	**316**	**1**	**4**	**332**	**2,261**	**8**	**730**	**0**	**15**	**1,078,554**	**1,101**	**1,079,655**
No Nationality	**192**	**21**	**99**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**25**	**0**	**12**	**0**	**6**	**44,234**	**2,143**	**46,377**
United Nations Laissez Passer	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87**	**0**	**87**
Grand Totals	**213,687**	**13,455**	**80,065**	**7,359**	**5,112**	**21**	**5,941**	**27,548**	**1,290**	**6,373**	**0**	**511**	**5,904,055**	**38,006**	**5,942,061**

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Note: See Table XVI(A) for explanation of the nonimmigrant visa symbols used in this table. Applicants bearing passports of dependent areas are reported under the nationality of the governing country.

[1] On December 19, 1984, the United Kingdom and China signed a joint declaration on the question of sovereignty over Hong Kong. Under that declaration, China resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government enjoys a high degree of political and economic autonomy.

[2] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

Table XVIII
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Nationality
(Including Revalidations and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Nationality	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa										
Algeria	4,495	5,154	6,065	5,193	5,895	5,855	6,897	6,176	6,081	6,878
Angola	411	638	759	745	820	927	1,148	1,292	2,119	2,401
Benin	560	548	695	746	890	960	1,003	1,104	1,046	1,115
Botswana	464	547	612	757	930	844	955	828	887	850
Burkina Faso	530	575	670	659	647	736	789	868	1,185	1,196
Burundi	285	356	436	383	513	528	592	540	498	461
Cameroon	2,094	2,279	2,723	2,871	2,768	2,950	3,278	2,408	2,876	2,970
Cape Verde	2,945	3,879	1,480	1,632	982	1,563	2,423	2,131	2,084	4,262
Central African Republic	168	201	330	223	245	256	266	265	266	210
Chad	218	228	304	274	351	403	414	292	327	499
Comoros	67	70	78	89	88	88	40	74	74	51
Congo, Republic of the	453	469	705	594	788	720	725	908	1,222	611
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	2,178	2,731	3,045	2,894	2,649	2,330	2,700	2,970	4,124	3,175
Cote d'Ivoire	3,010	3,064	3,300	3,198	3,659	3,957	4,619	5,109	4,831	4,756
Djibouti	605	955	1,350	1,087	438	339	512	325	434	398
Egypt	27,808	30,236	31,221	30,784	30,348	32,759	33,271	33,850	37,898	40,696
Equatorial Guinea	45	40	80	55	82	86	93	74	162	164
Eritrea [1]						113	697	1,202	1,354	1,343
Ethiopia	6,166	7,985	9,332	8,996	9,322	8,000	6,026	7,841	5,979	5,297
Gabon	665	714	703	798	919	1,006	913	1,174	1,231	1,161
Gambia	1,801	1,927	1,452	1,623	2,113	2,117	2,018	2,790	2,055	1,586
Ghana	5,740	5,697	5,837	7,316	7,175	6,840	7,713	9,166	13,680	11,593
Guinea	1,042	1,673	2,404	2,129	2,027	2,533	2,521	3,194	3,170	3,834
Guinea-Bissau	145	228	185	218	193	200	222	228	288	251
Kenya	5,143	5,666	5,970	5,450	6,158	5,609	6,429	7,957	8,753	9,628
Lesotho	243	266	279	263	260	323	258	312	294	210
Liberia	4,153	4,176	4,000	3,353	1,663	1,651	2,349	1,866	1,332	2,056
Libya	389	480	470	542	454	424	499	461	450	411
Madagascar	470	463	579	511	547	693	991	759	812	796
Malawi	1,934	650	706	607	563	516	672	707	889	891
Mali	978	1,216	2,221	1,614	1,709	1,734	1,964	2,010	2,482	2,999
Mauritania	329	411	421	461	436	463	462	569	670	687

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Nationality	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa–Continued										
Mauritius	1,202	1,283	1,760	1,435	1,689	1,717	2,203	1,998	1,697	1,777
Morocco	11,532	12,455	11,269	10,337	10,809	11,748	14,221	14,059	16,713	16,443
Mozambique	589	366	542	434	655	564	555	629	694	743
Namibia	30	28	220	376	527	489	692	708	802	693
Niger	486	558	786	731	566	511	512	615	695	706
Nigeria	21,641	23,220	21,198	23,257	21,596	20,160	20,074	18,834	21,896	25,077
Rwanda	276	314	439	362	372	442	243	237	515	705
Sao Tome and Principe	44	66	54	56	64	80	41	58	73	47
Senegal	4,733	4,643	5,388	5,415	5,368	5,609	6,015	5,785	6,862	7,134
Seychelles	182	213	224	226	225	219	245	227	393	209
Sierra Leone	2,248	2,870	2,490	4,551	2,482	1,572	1,636	1,703	2,418	2,056
Somalia	2,194	3,936	3,997	2,019	2,044	1,706	1,011	861	586	619
South Africa	37,182	38,260	38,202	37,889	51,436	60,200	57,288	60,536	65,159	72,221
Sudan	3,788	4,543	3,780	3,423	3,285	3,527	3,214	3,691	3,219	3,362
Swaziland	301	376	472	378	337	413	359	342	416	311
Tanzania	2,108	2,288	2,508	2,762	2,842	2,982	2,891	2,842	2,907	3,391
Togo	606	764	932	917	842	856	1,108	1,395	1,270	1,063
Tunisia	3,570	3,613	3,816	3,588	4,342	4,250	4,096	4,459	5,550	7,630
Uganda	1,554	1,686	2,064	1,933	1,886	1,876	2,165	1,811	2,372	2,510
Zambia	1,731	2,813	3,256	2,150	1,812	1,892	1,877	1,868	1,986	2,045
Zimbabwe	3,748	3,613	3,866	3,810	3,517	3,159	3,849	4,015	4,273	5,032
Africa Total	**175,279**	**191,430**	**195,675**	**192,114**	**202,328**	**211,495**	**217,754**	**226,123**	**250,049**	**267,210**
Asia										
Afghanistan	1,475	1,622	1,883	2,139	2,474	2,541	2,561	2,472	2,564	2,285
Bahrain	1,947	2,106	2,284	2,138	2,665	3,222	3,944	4,005	3,831	2,948
Bangladesh	9,570	10,864	8,963	9,804	12,888	16,889	17,582	17,860	18,366	12,688
Bhutan	93	126	151	85	123	125	101	120	191	224
Brunei	717	520	688	555	716	585	341	346	339	397
Burma	1,231	2,068	2,979	1,955	2,227	2,309	2,873	3,168	3,364	3,452
Cambodia	82	162	202	394	454	833	1,099	2,020	1,838	3,050

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Asia–Continued										
China (mainland)	72,122	76,258	75,402	96,701	119,046	176,859	160,070	202,242	229,879	250,503
(Taiwan)	124,396	152,578	206,858	207,795	240,646	269,345	293,681	359,501	379,355	344,901
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region [2]										5,194
India	125,534	144,153	155,844	179,282	142,232	121,869	127,780	152,904	198,831	249,715
Indonesia	35,558	40,707	46,431	50,746	52,686	55,765	68,768	80,748	76,282	78,213
Iran	26,830	31,965	36,072	33,652	34,248	34,680	30,956	29,039	25,631	21,164
Iraq	4,099	4,930	5,323	1,328	2,534	3,173	2,972	2,785	2,462	2,467
Israel	124,434	124,288	114,001	112,003	93,155	92,281	101,215	113,687	124,010	129,580
Japan	1,789,598	351,947	141,091	132,696	110,571	119,102	113,655	106,050	109,045	116,093
Jordan	25,821	34,835	28,096	17,308	16,451	18,548	19,926	20,735	20,736	15,423
Korea	113,596	185,791	229,911	257,747						
Korea, North					244	244	967	1,583	1,856	1,745
Korea, South					289,005	266,854	320,747	394,044	545,867	619,011
Kuwait	8,288	8,242	3,219	10,063	15,681	17,761	17,414	18,273	16,722	13,038
Laos	1,339	2,978	3,892	1,364	1,923	872	665	663	885	1,019
Lebanon	28,763	30,200	23,061	19,805	22,898	20,676	24,322	16,064	14,183	16,144
Malaysia	39,655	42,725	40,158	38,145	41,766	42,297	47,808	58,126	67,770	67,941
Maldives	85	100	96	163	174	153	403	107	146	81
Mongolia	14	36	149	352	420	430	229	897	1,290	1,909
Nepal	1,566	1,794	2,055	2,296	2,622	2,615	2,632	3,288	4,755	5,709
Oman	1,858	1,772	1,780	1,741	2,172	2,278	2,617	2,937	2,848	2,442
Pakistan	40,728	45,618	53,189	47,294	46,840	43,971	45,372	50,873	39,753	48,695
Palestinian Authority Travel Document								156	2,470	3,159
Philippines	137,814	123,808	130,276	139,914	159,966	156,228	157,161	173,592	163,287	145,043
Qatar	1,574	1,700	1,699	1,966	2,248	2,797	2,889	3,033	2,558	2,784
Saudi Arabia	34,546	34,755	38,257	41,363	49,459	53,430	54,345	50,129	48,255	51,443
Singapore	35,520	36,257	36,257	35,108	39,286	37,629	42,250	55,289	61,397	63,159
Sri Lanka	6,656	8,107	8,127	7,276	8,225	8,669	8,655	9,427	9,038	8,778
Syria	16,892	15,433	13,545	11,126	13,922	11,664	12,107	10,847	10,886	9,914
Thailand	32,547	33,191	37,330	39,159	47,320	53,932	63,180	72,939	74,287	66,674

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Asia–Continued										
United Arab Emirates	3,495	3,950	4,141	4,752	6,180	8,367	9,880	10,997	12,754	10,741
Vietnam	1,173	2,088	2,469	3,431	4,331	5,199	4,984	7,295	8,456	8,539
Yemen [3]				2,334	3,960	3,154	2,624	3,843	3,403	3,419
Yemen (Aden) [3]	334	388	408							
Yemen (Sanaa) [3]	2,136	2,379	2,236							
Asia Total	**2,852,086**	**1,560,441**	**1,458,523**	**1,513,980**	**1,591,758**	**1,657,346**	**1,768,775**	**2,042,084**	**2,289,590**	**2,389,684**
Europe										
Albania	17	26	156	253	626	2,484	2,415	3,683	4,462	2,616
Andorra	219	231	128	190	22	29	29	40	46	21
Armenia [4]					140	3,040	4,503	6,658	4,534	5,397
Austria	93,238	93,546	96,411	79,490	8,210	6,906	6,948	9,130	8,793	8,203
Azerbaijan [4]					9	452	1,145	1,825	1,498	1,482
Belarus [4]					132	971	4,038	5,544	5,069	5,643
Belgium	63,668	60,785	71,744	78,232	11,534	8,007	6,499	6,531	6,657	6,236
Bosnia and Herzegovina [5]					-	529	914	1,160	2,190	2,893
Bulgaria	2,537	3,836	7,994	7,706	8,057	12,385	13,702	12,510	13,967	12,957
Croatia [5]					62	12,328	15,479	17,514	17,914	17,303
Cyprus	4,746	4,755	4,618	4,192	4,461	4,798	5,255	6,104	6,616	6,872
Czechoslovakia [6]	11,768	15,262	23,720	24,830	39,033					
Czech Republic [6]						33,112	32,183	41,155	45,021	46,676
Denmark	77,543	80,214	71,245	62,641	15,843	17,124	18,862	21,221	15,022	10,830
Estonia	377	1,068	937	2,056	2,447	2,687	3,213	4,244	4,569	5,214
Finland	53,681	68,612	73,886	64,006	6,895	6,285	6,324	6,538	6,738	5,585
France	374,353	270,129	97,490	96,630	49,616	36,243	34,767	36,966	42,865	37,730
Georgia [4]					19	522	2,279	2,649	3,398	3,615
German Democratic Republic [7]	5,996	5,993	13,104							
Germany [7]				182,446	136,538	78,937	64,855	77,102	76,303	72,868
Germany, Federal Republic of [7]	702,557	521,345	189,356							
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	955,739	543,138	347,476	295,314	222,881	203,334	200,164	218,664	221,628	243,921
Greece	49,720	48,876	48,200	44,006	46,700	47,452	49,460	48,723	47,056	45,609

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Europe–Continued										
Hungary	22,203	24,808	26,463	25,432	29,153	35,536	37,039	40,389	46,660	44,051
Iceland	9,378	8,366	7,815	7,763	2,816	3,103	2,834	2,800	2,972	2,111
Ireland	90,155	79,109	75,182	77,856	75,406	82,606	92,337	45,932	14,514	14,573
Italy	249,833	196,456	42,197	38,258	26,321	21,638	22,432	25,436	24,086	21,665
Kazakhstan [4]					164	2,244	4,493	5,351	5,913	3,805
Kyrgyzstan [4]					3	370	906	1,110	1,290	1,446
Latvia	138	1,543	844	2,255	1,069	2,424	3,360	4,143	4,816	4,848
Liechtenstein	515	659	517	487	47	72	83	59	75	88
Lithuania	62	1,356	1,055	3,450	3,316	3,578	5,196	6,637	7,765	6,954
Luxembourg	4,929	3,741	4,180	4,921	701	699	776	631	506	413
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of [8]							905	2,982	4,786	4,482
Malta	2,500	2,490	2,812	2,450	2,979	3,394	3,473	3,813	5,115	5,184
Moldova [4]					8	381	1,010	1,698	1,900	1,586
Monaco	181	163	143	147	19	21	17	32	24	26
Netherlands	186,173	164,261	71,810	59,185	38,078	35,066	23,331	25,079	23,020	16,773
Norway	69,194	70,692	62,134	48,907	9,787	9,101	10,033	11,212	10,281	8,546
Poland	69,751	87,984	94,426	80,010	80,552	67,590	62,906	67,543	85,828	88,277
Portugal	46,833	49,886	52,724	51,342	52,514	53,839	48,127	47,539	48,134	47,711
Romania	9,074	8,889	20,105	20,878	16,638	16,873	20,570	21,969	28,984	24,744
Russia [4]					59,752	109,486	118,094	135,226	141,627	126,222
San Marino	284	181	214	167	16	8	20	15	27	20
Serbia-Montenegro [9]							17,750	17,789	18,747	18,832
Slovakia [5]						10,493	14,683	14,628	16,920	15,157
Slovenia [5]					5	5,916	7,352	9,559	9,883	10,792
Spain	130,042	150,538	171,874	187,383	40,356	28,692	25,447	26,389	23,303	19,721
Sweden	144,441	135,253	22,672	32,018	30,119	26,230	20,928	20,937	19,794	18,652
Switzerland	145,793	125,555	65,659	65,517	25,085	18,135	18,774	19,531	18,154	16,644
Tajikistan [4]					1	31	491	517	587	409
Turkey	21,569	25,986	32,809	35,488	31,707	34,113	34,559	35,956	42,869	52,118
Turkmenistan [4]					-	218	470	570	792	565
Ukraine [4]					3,034	21,027	24,980	29,495	32,455	23,427

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Europe–Continued										
U.S.S.R. [4]	34,725	59,673	101,915	123,474	66,906					
Uzbekistan [4]					7	909	1,796	2,575	3,413	3,576
Vatican City	28	47	43	65	67	50	51	56	79	75
Yugoslavia	37,824	37,765	43,998	47,397	36,986	21,209				
Europe Total	**3,671,784**	**2,953,217**	**1,948,056**	**1,856,842**	**1,186,837**	**1,092,677**	**1,098,257**	**1,155,559**	**1,179,665**	**1,145,164**
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	8,469	7,604	5,757	4,707	7,738	3,654	2,520	2,195	2,177	3,304
Bahamas	23,333	17,890	17,523	15,928	14,618	13,874	14,914	33,270	15,796	16,168
Barbados	19,139	20,051	16,160	14,254	14,267	18,687	12,151	10,440	8,854	9,957
Belize	6,174	7,377	7,346	6,291	7,168	8,021	8,935	9,678	8,318	7,106
Canada	4,937	6,123	7,045	6,703	4,736	3,668	3,914	3,642	4,938	4,062
Costa Rica	27,502	34,983	46,940	40,949	47,817	52,348	56,826	55,624	49,632	50,732
Cuba	3,670	25,246	34,893	50,820	30,715	28,362	19,850	10,393	7,774	7,21[illegible]
Dominica	3,462	4,198	3,221	2,738	2,832	2,810	1,804	1,876	1,761	2,472
Dominican Republic	59,253	62,822	50,032	46,674	47,562	62,529	82,580	85,138	72,054	58,919
El Salvador	26,009	34,632	35,987	39,783	42,426	52,406	33,573	34,696	35,349	39,112
Grenada	4,582	4,698	4,283	2,867	3,440	3,771	2,488	2,717	2,482	3,000
Guatemala	44,410	56,304	55,954	42,883	37,167	47,104	52,794	40,833	42,088	46,396
Haiti	40,724	36,997	41,470	35,153	12,646	16,970	26,125	36,916	22,488	16,355
Honduras	32,492	33,944	34,279	33,927	30,804	22,356	25,491	20,730	23,954	24,875
Jamaica	65,580	56,493	60,734	42,375	35,935	33,600	47,143	75,972	49,644	37,409
Mexico	575,700	742,808	739,167	675,261	637,162	591,836	659,843	664,049	508,431	548,716
Nicaragua	16,537	5,597	15,174	30,207	26,250	27,461	23,039	16,985	13,421	19,468
Panama	27,974	20,075	18,730	21,742	22,264	23,727	23,228	21,015	21,608	19,583
Saint Kitts and Nevis	4,704	4,696	4,306	3,097	3,021	2,713	1,633	1,631	1,496	1,586
Saint Lucia	4,872	5,577	4,789	3,685	3,864	4,513	3,056	2,850	3,395	4,801
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3,842	4,244	3,990	3,472	3,418	3,486	3,293	3,631	2,740	2,817
Trinidad and Tobago	37,607	34,846	30,782	23,566	22,392	25,849	51,290	60,390	48,841	43,422
North America Total	**1,040,972**	**1,227,205**	**1,238,562**	**1,147,082**	**1,058,242**	**1,049,745**	**1,156,490**	**1,194,671**	**947,241**	**967,475**

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Oceania										
Australia	209,360	249,606	227,474	275,873	276,378	254,243	250,542	265,308	268,667	26,973
Fiji	4,854	4,782	4,337	3,868	5,021	7,947	7,435	6,072	4,812	4,667
Kiribati	445	927	1,366	1,104	884	1,264	1,158	1,080	1,092	1,001
Marshall Islands	1	1	1	12	15	7	12	8	27	40
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	1	3	9	9	7	13	2	22	6
Nauru	105	147	157	111	214	116	201	58	76	55
New Zealand	81,944	90,200	93,237	74,920	19,191	15,544	15,699	17,221	11,261	8,774
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the [10]	313	439	638	631	489	560	336			
Palau [10]								13	13	29
Papua New Guinea	564	551	610	518	630	730	708	829	981	873
Samoa	1,871	1,643	2,096	1,881	1,600	2,323	2,576	1,629	1,239	1,594
Solomon Islands	95	130	109	120	115	95	143	132	65	93
Tonga	2,339	2,296	2,109	1,987	2,761	2,131	1,815	1,987	1,831	2,072
Tuvalu	121	184	230	265	560	504	375	237	242	164
Vanuatu	44	54	67	61	59	76	60	82	39	68
Oceania Total	**302,056**	**350,961**	**332,434**	**361,360**	**307,926**	**285,547**	**281,073**	**294,658**	**290,367**	**46,409**
South America										
Argentina	58,518	71,003	94,625	140,559	177,358	158,452	168,224	152,715	111,684	11,226
Bolivia	12,616	12,564	14,239	14,530	15,624	12,923	13,640	12,349	10,676	12,746
Brazil	180,975	206,983	228,210	265,752	262,750	305,557	339,239	528,038	635,770	575,041
Chile	39,452	42,563	48,769	60,118	61,371	55,205	50,628	63,798	58,438	55,696
Colombia	101,101	96,623	101,672	109,849	121,453	135,916	136,042	132,921	133,538	176,438
Ecuador	31,402	34,817	37,702	51,825	53,875	46,722	41,577	39,791	46,110	62,287
Guyana	8,796	7,231	7,232	7,839	7,314	6,739	8,512	11,334	13,028	9,201
Paraguay	4,822	4,260	4,956	5,872	7,082	7,379	7,301	9,202	8,307	7,400
Peru	45,291	58,108	63,425	49,742	60,109	79,098	98,015	49,433	54,510	56,017
Suriname	13,084	8,029	9,343	10,567	9,464	3,300	2,298	5,602	3,208	3,157
Uruguay	10,997	11,828	12,559	14,207	14,957	16,447	18,027	22,559	21,449	23,274
Venezuela	69,792	89,929	98,705	108,131	156,428	159,642	133,629	167,725	117,093	87,172

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Nationality	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
South America–Continued										
South America Total	**576,846**	**643,938**	**721,437**	**838,991**	**947,785**	**987,380**	**1,017,132**	**1,195,467**	**1,213,811**	**1,079,655**
No Nationality	60,588	63,876	64,444	67,509	73,301	75,302	71,293	73,101	67,040	46,377
UN Laissez Passer	98	91	94	83	260	128	179	159	107	87
Grand Total	**8,679,709**	**6,991,159**	**5,959,225**	**5,977,961**	**5,368,437**	**5,359,620**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**

Note: Nonimmigrant issuance figures do not include transferred visas. Applicants bearing passports of dependent areas are reported under the nationality of the governing country.

[1] On April 27, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of Eritrea.

[2] On December 19, 1984, the United Kingdom and China signed a joint declaration on the question of sovereignty over Hong Kong. Under that declaration, China resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government enjoys a high degree of political and economic autonomy.

[3] The U.S. Government has recognized the Republic of Yemen, formed on May 22, 1990, by union of the former Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

[4] On December 25, 1991, the United States recognized the independence of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, the 12 republics that had constituted the U.S.S.R.

[5] On April 7, 1992, the United States recognized the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, three of the republics that had previously formed constituent parts of Yugoslavia.

[6] On January 1, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, separate states that had previously comprised Czechoslovakia.

[7] With the unification of Germany on October 3, 1990, visa statistics are consolidated for that country.

[8] On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized the independence of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

[9] Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

[10] On October 1, 1994, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau) ended its status as a United Nations Trust Territory administered by the United States and became an independent state, in free association with the United States.

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Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa (AF)										
Angola, Luanda [1]							662	1,294	2,491	3,202
Benin, Cotonou	432	405	536	571	642	620	754	736	646	739
Botswana, Gaborone	825	1,004	1,148	1,241	1,424	1,293	1,357	1,222	1,571	1,532
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	494	449	530	568	493	549	614	774	1,104	1,068
Burundi, Bujumbura	350	464	510	468	514	565	529	457	314	211
Cameroon, Yaounde	1,730	1,724	1,685	1,551	1,388	1,441	2,104	1,206	1,596	1,727
Douala [2, 3]	11	27	157	296	383	441				
Cape Verde, Praia	2,766	3,663	1,265	897	737	1,339	2,189	1,893	1,747	[illegible]
Central African Republic, Bangui	227	255	325	200	184	222	250	252	270	111
Chad, N'Djamena	148	195	262	190	304	298	317	197	199	370
Comoros, Moroni [3]	69	68	76	83	73	67				
Congo, Republic of the, Brazzaville	534	422	697	588	686	665	749	952	1,755	295
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the, Kinshasa	2,120	2,524	2,445	2,442	1,707	1,258	1,800	1,989	3,232	2,079
Lubumbashi [4]	263	245	287	119						
Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan	5,785	5,331	5,519	5,940	5,354	5,361	6,028	6,618	6,373	5,586
Djibouti, Djibouti	717	1,135	1,558	1,460	520	391	508	330	390	381
Equatorial Guinea, Malabo [5]	74	89	100	96	153	163	160	71		
Eritrea, Asmara [6]						40	724	1,122	1,098	1,059
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	4,678	6,063	7,257	6,282	6,752	5,334	3,703	5,613	3,985	3,348
Gabon, Libreville	1,622	1,431	1,331	1,335	1,299	1,785	1,649	1,542	1,666	1,265
Gambia, Banjul	1,718	1,858	1,271	1,452	1,959	1,772	1,572	2,297	1,336	1,279
Ghana, Accra	4,101	4,087	3,947	5,530	5,066	4,617	5,230	6,858	11,505	9,154
Guinea, Conakry	833	1,460	2,013	1,843	1,510	1,903	1,802	2,508	2,362	3,764
Guinea-Bissau, Bissau	154	253	200	218	245	192	237	198	234	257
Kenya, Nairobi	5,761	6,125	6,118	5,432	6,126	5,617	6,828	8,328	8,889	9,661
Lesotho, Maseru	345	324	324	327	287	385	356	426	392	350
Liberia, Monrovia	4,754	4,863	4,195	624	1,146	1,216	2,214	1,685	879	1,874
Madagascar, Antananarivo	366	354	417	359	349	429	441	544	544	536
Malawi, Lilongwe	565	732	895	703	632	562	682	724	943	989
Blantyre [7]	143									
Mali, Bamako	590	746	1,251	1,050	1,142	1,111	1,149	1,155	1,303	1,702
Mauritania, Nouakchott	255	270	281	270	284	300	287	360	336	427

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Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Africa (AF)–Continued										
Mauritius, Port Louis	1,081	1,332	1,320	1,079	1,321	1,415	1,765	1,694	1,431	1,590
Mozambique, Maputo	703	498	660	568	772	815	851	826	715	797
Namibia, Windhoek [8]			154	475	612	592	797	807	879	762
Niger, Niamey	449	469	1,287	476	370	329	377	434	602	972
Nigeria, Lagos	18,503	19,770	17,162	17,769	15,564	14,777	14,624	14,297	18,294	20,923
Kaduna [9]	2,529	2,469	1,949	2,890	3,021	2,280	1,164			
Rwanda, Kigali	336	382	468	322	323	366	-	88	461	635
Senegal, Dakar	3,753	3,627	3,937	4,020	3,663	3,874	4,220	4,048	4,556	5,349
Seychelles, Victoria [10]	240	222	207	175	177	215	244	208	382	
Sierra Leone, Freetown	1,916	2,483	2,040	5,261	2,043	1,009	1,104	1,041	1,824	673
Somalia, Mogadishu [11]	1,179	2,129	2,029	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa, Pretoria	285	439	436	262	402	390	449	690	756	717
Cape Town	8,435	7,561	7,911	7,466	10,260	13,259	13,201	13,701	14,601	16,244
Durban	5,861	5,488	5,063	5,062	7,613	9,230	8,645	8,662	10,079	10,301
Johannesburg	22,090	22,520	21,464	22,343	31,997	36,521	33,697	36,862	37,540	43,513
Sudan, Khartoum [12]	3,032	3,471	2,520	1,596	1,675	1,648	1,288	1,699	475	-
Swaziland, Mbabane	340	419	510	395	431	433	423	393	501	334
Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam	1,527	1,524	1,805	2,247	2,134	2,243	2,243	2,296	2,397	3,030
Togo, Lome	940	909	1,117	1,232	1,047	1,048	1,371	1,765	1,108	870
Uganda, Kampala	1,575	1,462	1,808	1,533	1,631	1,498	1,726	1,339	1,987	2,049
Zambia, Lusaka	2,921	3,632	3,930	2,387	1,878	1,831	2,207	2,270	2,357	2,236
Zimbabwe, Harare	3,691	3,155	3,506	3,276	3,194	2,798	3,458	3,767	3,832	4,533
Africa Total	**123,816**	**130,527**	**127,883**	**122,969**	**131,487**	**136,507**	**138,749**	**148,238**	**162,437**	**172,386**
American Republics (ARA)										
Antigua and Barbuda, St. Johns [13]	19,967	18,776	16,333	13,683	10,794					
Argentina, Buenos Aires	57,576	69,856	93,200	139,414	174,374	154,388	163,858	150,439	111,117	13,544
Bahamas, Nassau	39,953	32,639	31,446	29,732	29,958	25,914	24,284	42,377	23,937	22,693
Barbados, Bridgetown	35,519	38,882	31,917	27,677	35,148	46,514	33,488	31,149	29,677	34,436
Belize, Belize City	8,368	9,994	9,494	8,020	8,961	9,989	10,719	10,629	9,147	7,622

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Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
American Republics (ARA)–Continued										
Bolivia, La Paz	11,775	11,763	13,691	13,530	14,818	11,980	12,957	11,607	9,951	12,199
Brazil, Brasilia	12,084	14,112	15,644	17,712	19,197	24,212	25,989	43,196	54,606	49,523
Porto Alegre [10]	9,457	11,027	14,085	16,217	16,704	21,326	27,332	43,693	23,440	
Recife	8,476	8,241	12,022	16,150	14,384	15,870	19,488	42,233	48,700	40,026
Rio de Janeiro	74,352	79,688	85,422	95,909	89,210	103,433	114,597	171,412	206,653	177,495
Sao Paulo	78,732	95,739	100,493	117,142	119,177	136,359	148,037	223,832	297,814	303,789
Chile, Santiago	36,731	39,827	45,510	55,541	57,566	51,687	47,997	62,031	56,926	54,450
Colombia, Bogota	85,606	81,350	84,940	89,719	98,574	114,294	120,733	127,108	128,302	171,203
Barranquilla [9]	10,801	10,741	11,895	14,886	17,033	15,519	9,590			
Costa Rica, San Jose	28,111	36,340	50,252	41,845	48,718	52,989	58,240	57,584	51,711	52,803
Cuba, Havana	2,730	24,367	34,126	50,096	29,970	27,304	18,579	8,815	6,116	5,363
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	58,944	62,702	50,619	46,152	46,047	60,716	81,053	83,180	70,790	57,663
Ecuador, Quito	15,889	18,763	18,170	25,097	24,224	25,567	21,443	20,356	23,814	33,738
Guayaquil	14,717	15,206	18,556	25,252	27,928	20,556	20,141	19,683	22,584	27,998
El Salvador, San Salvador	21,584	29,141	30,643	33,163	32,390	43,017	27,482	31,170	33,167	37,249
French West Indies, Martinique [4]	15,292	11,140	4,427	2,479						
Guatemala, Guatemala City	44,174	55,726	57,320	42,183	35,284	44,936	51,590	39,566	40,929	46,179
Guyana, Georgetown	6,803	5,280	5,407	5,878	5,101	4,870	6,922	9,593	11,526	7,532
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	32,586	26,511	31,956	25,594	247	5,460	17,107	31,451	17,614	10,861
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	30,080	32,851	33,015	31,805	27,713	27,200	22,070	18,365	21,472	23,700
Jamaica, Kingston	63,198	55,569	60,759	41,859	34,991	32,626	46,594	78,570	51,030	37,950
Mexico, Mexico City	235,656	295,897	252,004	221,040	235,287	207,677	248,408	254,406	203,506	218,058
Ciudad Juarez	17,601	22,064	23,547	25,958	30,590	35,176	50,381	56,822	36,661	27,057
Guadalajara	102,529	99,142	105,566	95,041	64,529	59,657	60,619	60,971	51,736	58,754
Hermosillo	45,158	49,729	53,353	41,386	50,888	48,884	51,134	47,774	37,989	40,058
Matamoros	25,724	58,560	51,353	41,658	40,504	28,979	25,526	24,038	17,457	18,550
Mazatlan [13]	17,114	22,143	28,507	32,135	9,075					
Merida	13,965	15,467	15,597	14,854	16,792	16,601	17,993	13,824	11,601	12,770
Monterrey	87,316	150,586	167,276	158,904	146,383	146,953	163,467	156,032	111,636	128,525
Nuevo Laredo [13]	6,165	8,365	9,244	10,493	3,870					
Tijuana	32,889	32,318	43,823	45,889	50,669	58,699	59,615	73,076	51,291	50,853
Netherlands Antilles, Curacao [3]	15,803	13,861	7,620	7,893	8,992	8,892				

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Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
American Republics (ARA)–Continued										
Nicaragua, Managua	13,775	1,442	9,672	28,141	23,150	24,032	20,849	15,509	12,336	18,344
Panama, Panama City	30,910	19,930	17,482	23,505	23,244	24,672	24,477	22,949	24,357	22,152
Paraguay, Asuncion	5,745	4,804	5,703	6,515	8,260	8,587	8,133	10,179	9,118	7,714
Peru, Lima	42,590	54,741	57,704	43,600	52,851	72,202	90,327	42,848	50,140	51,455
Suriname, Paramaribo	14,223	9,037	10,197	11,116	9,560	3,387	2,503	6,171	3,747	3,527
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	37,527	34,275	30,313	22,976	22,001	25,682	51,164	60,034	48,865	43,709
Uruguay, Montevideo	10,272	11,038	11,505	13,399	13,678	15,191	16,853	21,552	20,896	22,521
Venezuela, Caracas	66,615	86,951	93,202	97,561	133,089	134,515	126,111	174,927	121,740	89,447
Maracaibo [9]	8,877	10,647	12,603	16,219	29,135	30,623	12,950			
American Republics Total	**1,653,959**	**1,897,228**	**1,967,613**	**1,985,018**	**1,991,058**	**2,027,135**	**2,160,800**	**2,399,151**	**2,164,105**	**2,041,510**
East Asia and Pacific (EAP)										
Australia, Canberra	8,342	10,091	10,084	9,936	9,729	9,550	9,223	10,110	9,899	3,023
Melbourne	79,976	86,214	101,770	91,611	91,938	83,918	81,409	84,590	82,454	8,737
Perth	13,280	15,929	17,391	14,984	15,721	15,679	18,225	19,185	18,831	3,157
Sydney	126,693	148,866	172,888	162,284	157,667	141,004	135,595	144,285	149,949	17,097
Brunei, Bandar Seri Begawan	1,399	988	1,348	1,140	1,232	1,183	1,275	1,140	1,610	1,803
Burma, Rangoon	763	1,387	1,998	958	1,253	1,446	1,862	2,159	2,503	2,826
Cambodia, Phnom Penh [6]						678	994	1,863	1,822	2,827
China, Beijing	39,076	36,916	35,251	41,639	52,286	84,514	72,733	94,145	110,084	119,453
Chengdu	1,669	1,529	1,807	2,740	3,343	7,936	5,227	8,720	11,656	10,888
Guangzhou	5,873	6,535	5,169	8,681	9,263	16,918	17,035	25,675	25,684	27,887
Shanghai	11,852	15,008	15,589	19,172	20,929	28,504	30,732	33,626	39,332	47,719
Shenyang	3,445	3,281	2,871	5,383	7,284	12,193	8,115	11,041	15,296	14,952
Fiji, Suva	16,732	13,144	7,831	7,129	9,024	7,718	7,714	6,908	5,454	5,829
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong	103,030	113,211	119,709	124,408	131,350	132,105	128,468	152,499	164,503	177,598
Indonesia, Jakarta	29,135	33,429	36,855	40,029	40,788	42,341	51,845	62,617	59,591	63,287
Medan [10]	1,384	1,434	1,923	1,471	1,359	1,691	2,045	2,362	2,357	
Surabaya	2,909	3,165	4,225	4,682	5,031	5,731	9,278	10,783	10,260	11,133

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East Asia and Pacific (EAP)–Continued										
Japan, Tokyo	967,629	218,150	101,639	95,268	80,923	90,409	86,845	80,437	85,900	88,988
Fukuoka [5]	113,446	22,146	7,096	6,550	5,763	4,932	5,051	5,830		
Naha	9,879	2,669	1,491	1,369	1,251	1,198	1,048	974	1,131	1,143
Osaka-Kobe	604,614	100,983	39,900	37,303	34,434	32,650	33,055	34,370	42,377	45,935
Sapporo [5]	101,743	20,632	5,831	5,493	4,922	4,908	4,660	4,219		
Korea, Seoul	91,166	159,238	194,420	225,987	247,057	220,852	284,766	365,600	515,315	588,562
Pusan [9 14]		1,288	8,094	8,725	18,871	24,361	13,031			
Laos, Vientiane	1,321	2,800	3,871	1,209	1,776	691	529	516	756	942
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	34,976	34,426	32,379	30,732	33,240	32,916	37,796	47,427	57,763	58,130
Marshall Islands, Majuro	268	589	301	167	278	250	329	428	1,006	1,131
Micronesia, Federated States of, Kolonia	278	198	180	246	258	411	615	719	462	199
Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar [15]	-	19	148	348	418	381	473	833	1,204	1,808
New Zealand, Wellington [10]	36,520	38,176	40,143	30,655	9,265	5,473	5,824	6,643	1,337	
Auckland	52,265	54,904	55,164	41,562	13,241	13,999	14,183	14,402	13,384	12,237
Palau, Koror	1,132	623	816	1,007	947	936	655	234	215	199
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	2,297	2,142	2,173	1,724	1,835	1,774	1,813	1,791	1,912	1,377
Philippines, Manila	101,261	79,840	83,033	89,327	106,134	101,221	118,097	136,506	130,532	116,467
Cebu [3]	11,219	10,599	7,527	7,431	7,828	8,793				
Samoa, Apia [5 14]		158	466	359	95	178	381	226		
Singapore, Singapore	41,474	43,332	42,940	42,148	48,342	46,517	53,244	68,101	73,674	75,056
Solomon Islands, Honiara [3 15]	244	341	306	255	254	183				
Thailand, Bangkok	31,618	32,032	36,559	38,428	46,042	52,704	62,028	71,952	72,707	65,355
Chiang Mai	1,139	1,137	1,002	880	1,245	1,389	1,840	1,564	2,352	2,052
Vietnam, Hanoi [16]								1,741	3,672	4,505
Taipei [17]	118,236	145,053	196,515	197,202	225,725	255,336	277,008	341,306	359,685	325,924
East Asia and Pacific Total	**2,768,283**	**1,462,602**	**1,398,703**	**1,400,622**	**1,448,341**	**1,495,571**	**1,585,046**	**1,857,527**	**2,076,669**	**1,908,226**
Europe and Canada (EUR)										
Albania, Tirana [18]					240	2,358	2,295	3,440	4,093	1,712

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Europe and Canada (EUR)–Continued										
Armenia, Yerevan [6]						3,094	4,457	6,416	4,196	4,970
Austria, Vienna	89,874	89,049	91,527	75,363	12,761	9,679	9,114	11,951	11,650	11,702
Azerbaijan, Baku [6]						337	1,004	1,718	1,436	1,432
Belarus, Minsk [18]					93	688	3,519	5,261	4,634	5,103
Belgium, Brussels	47,650	46,271	52,969	57,461	14,581	11,600	10,172	10,123	10,670	10,620
Antwerp [13]	21,392	19,222	22,191	24,154	1,898					
Bermuda, Hamilton	3,966	3,244	3,006	2,856	2,446	2,424	2,870	2,714	1,814	2,573
Bulgaria, Sofia	2,260	3,552	7,596	6,996	6,550	10,366	12,298	11,385	12,048	10,807
Canada, Ottawa	9,216	10,865	12,974	15,270	13,648	13,742	11,549	9,918	8,573	6,451
Calgary	11,705	13,312	14,899	16,417	16,722	18,332	15,741	11,989	9,283	9,068
Halifax	2,406	2,757	2,784	2,816	2,618	2,380	2,302	1,985	2,325	1,734
Montreal	34,741	41,136	42,937	44,304	47,415	48,871	42,137	30,510	25,479	20,379
Quebec	2,542	2,681	2,966	2,708	3,775	3,184	3,182	2,619	1,819	2,181
Toronto	74,561	87,791	102,753	94,192	93,597	84,346	54,844	48,107	51,635	46,008
Vancouver	20,480	22,675	29,238	30,127	41,260	33,422	37,801	37,615	39,439	35,538
Croatia, Zagreb	12,106	12,803	15,204	15,388	5,568	11,701	12,801	13,930	14,847	15,066
Cyprus, Nicosia	9,585	11,129	9,498	8,230	6,622	6,770	6,600	7,077	8,113	8,255
Czech Republic, Prague	10,476	13,763	21,938	22,134	29,412	30,185	30,228	39,585	44,859	46,101
Denmark, Copenhagen	78,687	82,645	71,810	62,661	18,060	19,492	20,940	23,744	17,319	12,600
Estonia, Tallinn [18]					2,326	3,555	3,656	4,564	4,669	5,457
Finland, Helsinki	50,918	65,238	71,527	60,875	7,135	6,223	6,567	6,792	7,060	6,223
France, Paris	255,346	186,155	70,636	72,622	50,409	45,018	43,949	45,424	54,819	48,799
Bordeaux [10]	25,466	19,904	10,653	9,842	3,921	2,856	3,045	2,913	507	
Lyon [13]	33,615	25,833	11,753	13,086	3,833					
Marseille	37,392	25,344	9,406	9,330	6,157	4,710	4,565	5,010	5,330	5,874
Georgia, Tbilisi [6]						254	1,700	2,301	3,120	3,303
German Dem. Rep., Berlin [19]	5,639	5,855	12,979							
Germany, Fed. Rep. of, Bonn	159,398	121,088	50,324	41,976	33,169	24,791	22,589	19,172	17,493	19,620
Berlin, Embassy Branch Office [19]				16,904	23,803	17,929	26,030	29,875	29,507	30,377
Berlin, U.S. Mission [19]	44,186	31,229	9,404							
Frankfurt	142,036	102,868	47,170	52,759	37,605	31,057	32,412	44,020	59,617	51,264
Hamburg [1]	135,444	102,588	54,926	47,648	36,479	24,382				

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(Including Revalidations, Transfers and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe and Canada (EUR)–Continued										
Munich [5]	118,854	94,579	22,468	22,049	16,767	15,647	14,825	17,629		
Stuttgart [13]	113,779	82,387	25,980	29,567	23,034					
Great Britain and Northern Ireland,										
London	792,174	459,710	269,484	234,486	149,427	136,598	149,218	141,541	125,532	116,292
Belfast	23,345	13,733	9,493	8,760	8,523	7,619	6,655	3,379	2,511	2,660
Edinburgh [7]	55,838									
Greece, Athens	38,612	45,731	44,403	39,535	41,171	41,187	45,784	45,522	44,305	42,768
Thessaloniki [3, 7, 18]	7,590				1,023	1,785				
Hungary, Budapest	20,819	23,113	24,294	22,948	26,637	33,281	35,473	39,114	45,667	43,335
Iceland, Reykjavik	9,347	8,175	7,597	7,606	2,836	3,166	2,871	2,833	3,023	2,152
Ireland, Dublin	70,898	59,215	57,105	59,214	58,981	66,697	75,171	37,798	12,803	13,232
Italy, Rome	60,447	46,702	11,034	11,149	11,152	9,441	10,804	12,939	12,061	9,964
Florence [5, 20]	32,108	24,779	4,522	1,972	13	6	16	2		
Genoa [21]	27,299	13,057								
Milan	70,302	61,560	10,583	11,922	12,047	10,714	11,930	12,336	13,477	13,462
Naples	28,562	21,199	3,942	5,553	4,701	4,173	4,004	4,664	3,850	2,500
Palermo [4]	13,151	11,185	1,908	988						
Kazakhstan, Almaty [6]						2,312	4,428	5,220	5,781	3,575
Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek [6]						280	835	1,089	1,272	1,403
Latvia, Riga [18]					2,584	4,938	5,876	6,719	8,055	7,467
Lithuania, Vilnius [18]					2,471	3,423	4,904	6,369	7,352	6,619
Luxembourg, Luxembourg	6,947	5,276	5,651	6,821	1,768	1,752	1,599	1,512	1,527	1,325
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of, Skopje [22]									3,303	3,757
Malta, Valletta	2,098	2,062	2,441	2,271	2,738	3,310	3,413	4,054	5,179	5,230
Moldova, Chisinau [6]						214	1,148	1,560	1,711	1,383
Netherlands, The Hague	49	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amsterdam	166,848	147,207	64,634	54,423	35,777	33,343	24,459	26,883	24,867	19,035
Norway, Oslo	68,865	70,283	61,338	48,147	10,452	9,775	10,736	11,448	10,438	8,993
Poland, Warsaw	34,785	46,867	45,538	33,800	30,079	27,759	27,447	44,566	51,108	53,699
Krakow	12,200	15,228	20,272	17,459	13,501	11,219	13,772	14,260	27,288	28,396
Poznan [9]	12,697	13,526	12,310	10,554	11,703	9,789	9,576			

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Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Europe and Canada (EUR)–Continued										
Portugal, Lisbon	17,613	18,523	19,914	24,666	32,560	35,698	31,426	30,572	32,148	31,276
Oporto [4]	6,829	6,829	7,192	2,272						
Ponta Delgada	7,327	7,315	6,467	3,795	3,897	4,556	4,221	4,501	4,119	4,882
Romania, Bucharest	7,912	7,419	17,686	17,608	13,213	13,145	16,319	18,101	24,656	20,751
Russia, Moscow	30,849	52,515	83,437	101,936	101,944	82,660	89,138	100,947	97,140	88,729
St. Petersburg	2,518	8,766	17,460	24,034	16,044	14,485	12,822	13,582	13,957	12,326
Vladivostok [6]						4,266	8,883	12,000	17,798	12,265
Yekaterinburg [22]									4,839	6,411
Serbia-Montenegro, Belgrade	19,840	18,278	20,199	21,019	13,695	10,530	10,401	12,179	13,164	13,254
Slovakia, Bratislava [18]					6,195	10,507	14,517	14,141	15,448	13,831
Slovenia, Ljubljana [6]						4,681	7,001	9,466	10,179	10,710
Spain, Madrid	80,507	103,932	123,252	133,683	42,492	32,174	28,698	29,686	25,767	22,217
Barcelona [13]	32,623	39,879	43,381	48,305	393					
Bilbao [21]	14,088	2,315								
Sweden, Stockholm	141,973	134,957	23,282	37,552	34,245	30,312	22,347	21,340	20,715	20,080
Switzerland, Bern	73,509	64,754	33,632	33,636	16,113	13,864	13,348	14,115	26,509	27,074
Zurich [10]	87,694	76,608	45,034	46,302	20,270	15,344	16,536	17,945	4,049	
Tajikistan, Dushanbe [1]							401	388	423	250
Turkey, Ankara	7,651	8,876	13,188	11,090	11,245	12,144	13,162	13,260	14,720	18,185
Istanbul	12,415	16,069	19,406	21,485	17,236	18,441	19,370	20,749	25,678	31,092
Izmir [21]	1,848	1,906								
Turkmenistan, Ashgabat [6]						203	270	465	959	625
Ukraine, Kiev [18]					2,671	19,344	23,059	26,875	28,967	19,440
Uzbekistan, Tashkent [6]						898	1,884	2,692	3,674	3,759
Europe and Canada Total	**3,653,897**	**2,983,519**	**2,031,595**	**1,962,726**	**1,321,701**	**1,235,426**	**1,227,114**	**1,244,599**	**1,252,373**	**1,167,621**
Near East (NEA)										
Algeria, Algiers	2,506	2,685	3,198	2,842	3,106	3,073	3,933	2,133	1,464	2,091
Oran [3]	433	586	607	177	244	-				
Bahrain, Manama	3,594	3,830	4,554	4,316	4,104	4,925	7,076	6,994	6,215	4,606

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Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Near East (NEA)–Continued										
Egypt, Cairo	19,559	20,602	20,666	20,891	18,776	20,371	27,894	28,246	33,218	36,345
Alexandria [3]	4,488	4,377	5,508	5,621	6,112	6,652				
Iraq, Baghdad [23]	2,066	2,942	3,035							
Israel, Tel Aviv	109,412	109,516	99,468	98,795	81,953	80,737	89,370	99,418	109,076	114,172
Jerusalem	13,543	15,357	14,697	12,340	11,135	12,189	13,055	15,165	16,760	17,283
Jordan, Amman	17,797	23,865	19,292	10,730	9,974	11,934	13,613	14,447	15,845	10,364
Kuwait, Kuwait	20,670	22,029	7,140	6,748	20,215	23,782	22,256	21,450	20,579	18,935
Lebanon, Beirut [24]	725	268	-	96	214	489	8,675	4,579	3,708	4,640
Morocco, Rabat [25]	4,211	4,281	3,403	3,287	3,298	3,621	3,082	671	908	381
Casablanca	6,182	6,234	5,070	4,154	3,937	4,698	7,661	10,244	12,495	12,691
Oman, Muscat	2,774	2,732	2,679	2,969	3,564	3,452	3,617	3,863	4,253	3,824
Qatar, Doha	3,822	4,989	4,340	4,055	4,569	4,805	4,022	4,286	5,298	5,803
Saudi Arabia, Jeddah	19,874	21,927	23,348	24,429	26,382	28,168	28,370	27,207	23,603	25,230
Dhahran [3]	8,120	7,799	9,112	8,609	10,465	13,243				
Riyadh	20,816	20,914	24,345	26,916	28,802	30,585	40,805	38,867	37,951	38,320
Syria, Damascus	24,606	16,022	11,749	9,921	14,032	12,748	12,162	9,164	10,158	11,241
Tunisia, Tunis	2,654	2,528	2,649	2,300	2,824	2,809	2,993	3,991	5,437	7,611
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	5,768	10,148	9,794	7,455	6,587	8,649	10,171	12,535	14,167	12,974
Dubai	7,354	9,197	11,809	9,573	10,076	10,422	12,404	12,809	13,439	15,128
Yemen, Sanaa	1,947	2,119	2,081	1,662	3,239	2,513	1,831	3,099	2,524	2,503
Near East Total	**302,921**	**314,947**	**288,544**	**267,886**	**273,608**	**289,865**	**312,990**	**319,168**	**337,098**	**344,142**
South Asia (SA)										
Afghanistan, Kabul [21]	147									
Bangladesh, Dhaka	7,426	8,402	6,709	7,661	10,619	14,330	14,821	14,987	15,707	10,147
India, New Delhi	29,030	32,001	32,631	34,413	29,768	25,866	28,715	34,579	52,237	58,489
Calcutta	6,674	8,548	9,395	9,801	7,565	6,365	6,083	6,766	8,764	10,646
Chennai (Madras)	18,823	22,322	25,569	29,098	27,257	23,212	25,107	31,864	36,857	59,517
Mumbai (Bombay)	50,975	56,227	60,731	73,911	49,077	37,841	36,987	44,492	61,664	77,923
Nepal, Kathmandu	1,583	1,724	1,797	2,041	2,431	2,283	2,267	2,783	4,159	4,960

Table XIX
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(Including Revalidations, Transfers and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

Issuing Office	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
South Asia (SA)–Continued										
Pakistan, Islamabad	5,745	5,665	5,479	4,735	5,731	5,285	6,437	8,736	9,942	20,731
Karachi [5]	16,739	21,386	28,749	23,052	23,030	21,845	21,798	14,648		
Lahore [25]	6,966	5,193	5,563	7,526	7,851	6,547	6,454	14,946	17,022	15,697
Peshawar [13]	1,583	1,334	1,856	1,489	476					
Sri Lanka, Colombo	4,135	5,261	4,832	4,195	4,413	4,847	5,285	5,650	5,995	5,944
South Asia Total	**149,826**	**168,063**	**183,311**	**197,922**	**168,218**	**148,421**	**153,954**	**179,451**	**212,347**	**264,054**
Nonimmigrant Visas issued in the Department	27,349	34,359	36,604	40,818	34,024	36,169	32,300	33,688	31,230	39,739
Nonimmigrant Visas issued at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations [22]									1,611	4,383
Grand Total [26]	**8,680,051**	**6,991,245**	**6,034,253**	**5,977,961**	**5,368,437**	**5,369,094**	**5,610,953**	**6,181,822**	**6,237,870**	**5,942,061**

[1] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1994

[2] Emergency visa services were provided in Fiscal Years 1988 through 1993

[3] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1993

[4] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1991

[5] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1995

[6] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1993

[7] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1988

[8] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1990

[9] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1994

[10] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1996

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(Including Revalidations, Transfers and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1988 – 1997

[11] The U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu was evacuated on January 5, 1991. Visa services have not subsequently been resumed.

[12] Visa services at Embassy Khartoum were suspended on February 5, 1996 and have not subsequently been resumed. Khartoum's visa services are being handled through Embassy Cairo.

[13] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1992.

[14] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1989.

[15] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1988.

[16] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1995.

[17] The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

[18] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1992.

[19] With the unification of Germany on October 3, 1990, visa services in Berlin were consolidated at the Embassy Branch Office, Berlin.

[20] Visa services ceased at Florence in Fiscal Year 1991 for all applicants except residents of San Marino.

[21] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1989.

[22] Visa services began in Fiscal Year 1996.

[23] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1990.

[24] Regular visa services have been suspended since Fiscal Year 1985.

[25] Visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1997.

[26] Totals include transferred visas and therefore may be slightly higher than totals on some other nonimmigrant tables.

Table XX
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Ineligibilities
(by Grounds for Refusal Under the Immigration and Nationality Act)
Fiscal Year 1997

Grounds for Refusal Under the Immigration and Nationality Act		Immigrant		Nonimmigrant	
		Ineligibility Finding [1]	Ineligibility Overcome [2]	Ineligibility Finding [1]	Ineligibility Overcome [2]
Section					
212(a)(1)(A)(i)	Communicable Disease	770	128	95	15
212(a)(1)(A)(ii)	Immigrant Lacking Required Vaccinations	978	867	[3]	[3]
212(a)(1)(A)(iii)	Physical or Mental Disorder	92	27	22	-
212(a)(1)(A)(iv)	Drug Abuser or Addict	339	58	36	2
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I)	Crime Involving Moral Turpitude	421	225	1,721	401
212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)	Controlled Substance Violators	140	31	1,085	293
212(a)(2)(B)	Multiple Criminal Convictions	70	6	195	7
212(a)(2)(C)	Controlled Substance Traffickers	89	-	581	14
212(a)(2)(D)(i)	Prostitution (Within 10 Years)	25	4	19	12
212(a)(2)(D)(ii)	Procuring (Within 10 Years)	3	-	4	2
212(a)(2)(D)(iii)	Unlawful Commercialized Vice	-	-	1	-
212(a)(2)(E)	Certain Aliens Involved In Serious Criminal Activity Who Have Asserted Immunity From Prosecution	1	-	-	-
212(a)(3)(A)(i)	Espionage, Sabotage, Technology Transfer	1	-	6	-
212(a)(3)(A)(ii)	Other Unlawful Activity	6	-	185	3
212(a)(3)(A)(iii)	Activity to Overthrow U.S. Government	-	-	-	-
212(a)(3)(B)	Terrorist Activities	3	-	35	6
212(a)(3)(C)	Foreign Policy	-	-	2	-
212(a)(3)(D)	Immigrant Membership in Totalitarian Party	32	33	[3]	[3]
212(a)(3)(E)(i)	Participation In Nazi Persecutions	-	-	1	-
212(a)(3)(E)(ii)	Participation in Genocide	-	-	-	-
212(a)(4)	Public Charge	39,077	12,888	5,589	555
212(a)(5)(A)	Labor Certification	5,959	274	[3]	[3]
212(a)(5)(B)	Unqualified Physicians	63	-	[3]	[3]
212(a)(5)(C)	Uncertified Foreign Health-Care Workers	3	-	-	-
212(a)(6)(B)	Failure to Attend Removal Proceedings	-	-	5	-
212(a)(6)(C)(i)	Misrepresentation	2,539	564	11,892	120
212(a)(6)(C)(ii)	False Claim to U.S. Citizenship	-	-	300	-
212(a)(6)(E)	Smugglers of Aliens	322	31	925	12
212(a)(6)(F)	Subject of Civil Penalty (Under INA 274C)	3	-	10	-
212(a)(6)(G)	Student Visa Abusers	-	-	9	-
212(a)(7)(B)	Nonimmigrant Documentation Requirement	[4]	[4]	730	611
212(a)(8)(A)	Ineligible for Citizenship: In General	-	-	[3]	[3]
212(a)(8)(B)	Draft Evaders	1	-	8	6
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered Removed Upon Arrival	47	21	72	-
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered Removed Upon Arrival – Multiple Removals	-	-	43	-
212(a)(9)(A)(i)	Ordered Removed Upon Arrival – Convicted of Aggravated Felony	-	-	3	-
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered Removed or Departed While Removal Order Outstanding	72	19	63	2

Table XX
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Ineligibilities (Continued)
(by Grounds for Refusal Under the Immigration and Nationality Act)
Fiscal Year 1997

Grounds for Refusal Under the Immigration and Nationality Act		Immigrant		Nonimmigrant	
		Ineligibility Finding [1]	Ineligibility Overcome [2]	Ineligibility Finding [1]	Ineligibility Overcome [2]
Section					
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered Removed or Departed While Removal Order Outstanding – Multiple Removals	-	-	1	-
212(a)(9)(A)(ii)	Ordered Removed or Departed While Removal Order Outstanding – Convicted of Aggravated Felony	67	37	17	-
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(I)	Unlawfully Present 181–364 Days (Within 3 Years)	-	-	4	-
212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)	Unlawfully Present 365 or More Days (Within 10 Years)	-	-	4	-
212(a)(9)(C)	Unlawfully Present After Previous Immigration Violations	-	-	1	-
212(a)(10)(A)	Practicing Polygamists	20	1	[3]	[3]
212(a)(10)(C)	International Child Abduction	7	5	10	-
212(a)(10)(D)	Unlawful Voters	-	-	-	-
212(a)(10)(E)	Former U.S. Citizens Who Renounced Citizenship to Avoid Taxation	-	-	-	-
212(e)	Foreign Residence Requirement: Former Exchange Visitor	42	32	29	6
212(f)	Presidential Proclamation Suspending the Entry of Any Class of Aliens	-	-	225	13
214(b)	Failure to Establish Entitlement to Nonimmigrant Status	[4]	[4]	1,235,531	51,714
221(g)	Applications Do Not Comply With the Provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act or Regulations Issued Pursuant Thereto	187,033	116,563	329,764	114,646
222(g)	Alien in Illegal Status Required to Apply for New Nonimmigrant Visa in Country of Nationality	[4]	[4]	57	2
	Total Grounds of Ineligibility:	**238,225**	**131,814**	**1,589,280**	**168,442**
	Number of Applications: [1]	**221,410**	**124,151**	**1,587,877**	**167,576**

Note: The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–208) amended and renumbered the grounds for immigrant and nonimmigrant visa refusal under Section 212(a), and added Section 222(g), of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This table follows the format of Section 212(a) as amended by P.L. 104–208 and reflects the addition of Section 222(g).

The figures at the end of this table show totals of **applications** refused and refusals overcome. The total of applications refused does not necessarily reflect the number of persons refused during the year. One applicant can apply and be found ineligible more than one time in a fiscal year.

At some posts with automated visa systems, the data base does not reflect complete nonimmigrant visa refusals **overcome** statistics. Therefore, the nonimmigrant visa refusals **overcome** figures may be somewhat understated.

Table XX
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Ineligibilities (Continued)
(by Grounds for Refusal Under the Immigration and Nationality Act)
Fiscal Year 1997

[1] The total grounds of ineligibility may exceed the number of applications refused because one applicant may be found ineligible under more than one section of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

[2] The total ineligibilities overcome may not necessarily represent the same visa applicants found ineligible and recorded in the total of ineligibility findings. A visa may be refused in one fiscal year and the refusal overcome in a subsequent fiscal year. Each action will be separately recorded as part of the appropriate statistical report for the year in which it occurred. A refusal can be overcome by evidence that the ineligibility does not apply, by approval of a waiver, or by other relief as provided by law.

[3] N/A - Not applicable because the cited ground of ineligibility does not apply to nonimmigrants.

[4] N/A - Not applicable because the cited ground of ineligibility does not apply to immigrants.

Appendix A–1

Provisions of the Law and Numerical Limitations on Immigrant Visas

Some form of numerical limitation has been imposed on immigration into the United States since 1921, although certain classes of immigrants have traditionally been able to obtain visas outside those limitations. The Immigration Act of 1990 (P.L. 101–649) modified this concept by establishing an overall limit within which immediate relatives (IR's) and certain special immigrants would continue exempt from the requirement of an available visa number, but the IR total would be deducted from the overall ceiling for the calculation of the family-sponsored preference ceiling during the following year. Outlined below are the basic elements of the system applicable at present; unless otherwise stated, the section of law cited refers to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended.

I. Classes not subject to the numerical limitations

A. Immediate Relatives

(1) Spouse and children of U.S. citizens and parents of citizens at least 21 years of age (Sec. 201(b)(2)(A)(i)).

(2) Certain surviving spouses of deceased U.S. citizens, and their children (Sec. 201(b)(2)(A)(i)).

B. Special Immigrants

(1) Returning residents (Secs. 101(a)(27)(A) and 201(b)(1)(A)).

(2) Certain former U.S. citizens (Secs. 101(a)(27)(B) and 201(b)(1)(A)).

C. Others

(1) Child born abroad subsequent to issuance of immediate relative visa to parent (Secs. 211(a) and 201(b)(2)(A)(ii)).

(2) Child born to a lawful permanent resident temporarily abroad (Secs. 211(a) and 201(b)(2)(B)).

(3) Vietnam Amerasians, a category created by Sec. 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (as contained in Sec. 101(e) of P.L. 100–202, as amended) for Vietnam Amerasians and their immediate family members. Initially time-limited to March 1990, the provision was made permanent by P.L. 101–513.

II. Numerically limited classes

A. Numerical Limits under Secs. 201, 202, and 203

As a selective mechanism to enable distribution of the numbers to the immigrants desired, a preference system commingling certain classes of relatives and needed workers has long existed. The Immigration Act of 1990 divided such preference classes into two broad categories: family-sponsored immigrants and employment-based immigrants, with a separate numerical limitation for each category.

(1) Worldwide Limits

(a) Family-Sponsored Preference Limitation:

The overall ceiling for relatives is 480,000, from which the previous year's total of immediate relatives and other family classes which are exempt from the numerical ceiling (see I.A. and I.C.(1) and (2) above) are deducted to determine the level of family-based preference immigration. Although the difference could be greater or less than 226,000, that figure is established as a minimum for the family-sponsored preference immigrant limitation.

Specifically, if such family-related numerically-exempt immigrants are fewer than 254,000, the family-sponsored preferences will be entitled to more than 226,000 in the following fiscal year. On the other hand, if such family-related numerically-exempt immigrants exceed 254,000, the family-sponsored preferences are still provided at least 226,000 numbers by virtue of the minimum annual limit assured by Sec. 201(c).

(b) Employment-Based Preference Limitation:

The overall ceiling for this category is 140,000. The term "employment-based" is broadly interpreted to encompass most non-family immigration, whether or not the immigrant is actually destined to employment in the United States.

(c) **Carry-Over of Unused Numbers:**
Certain preference immigrant numbers which are unused during a fiscal year are added to the worldwide levels of family-sponsored and employment-based preference immigrants for the following fiscal year (Sec. 201(c) and Sec. 201(d)). Unused **family** numbers from the previous fiscal year are added to the **employment** preference limit and vice versa.

(2) **Per-Country Limits**
In addition to the overall limits, the INA contains a per-country ceiling to preclude preemption of the annual numbers by one or more foreign states of heavy emigration. Under the formula in Sec. 202(a), the per-country limit is 7% of the combined visa total available to family-sponsored and employment-based preference immigrants, i.e., at least 25,620. The dependent area limit is set at 2%, or a minimum of 7,320.

For the permanent diversity classification which became effective in FY–1995, there is a separate 7% per-country visa limit. (See II.B.(3) below.)

B. Preference classes as set forth in Sec. 203
Class limitations are expressed in absolute numbers for the family-sponsored immigrants and in percentages of the annual limitation for the employment-based category specified in Sec. 201.

(1) **Family-sponsored:**
(a) **First preference:** Unmarried sons and/or daughters (i.e., offspring aged 21 or older) of U.S. citizens: not more than 23,400, plus any numbers unused by the fourth preference (Sec. 203(a)(1)).
(b) **Second preference:** (A) Spouses and children of lawful permanent residents, and (B) unmarried sons and/or daughters of lawful permanent residents: not more than 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which the worldwide family preference level exceeds 226,000, plus any numbers not required for the first preference; of which 77% are designated for sub-category (A) (Sec. 203(a)(2)).

Sec. 202(a)(4)(A) provides that of the visa numbers made available for sub-category (A), 75% are to be issued without regard to the per-country limit, i.e., to applicants with the earliest priority date regardless of their country of chargeability.
(c) **Third preference:** Married sons and daughters of U.S. citizens: not more than 23,400, plus any numbers not required by the first and second preferences (Sec. 203(a)(3)).
(d) **Fourth preference:** Siblings of U.S. citizens who are at least 21 years of age: not more than 65,000, plus any numbers not required by the first three classes (Sec. 203(a)(4)).

(2) **Employment-based:**
(a) **First preference:** Priority workers (persons with extraordinary ability, outstanding professors and researchers, and certain multinational executives and managers): not more than 28.6% of the employment-based total, plus any visa numbers not required by the fourth and fifth preferences (Sec. 203(b)(1)).
(b) **Second preference:** Members of the professions with advanced degrees and persons of exceptional ability: not more than 28.6%, plus any numbers unused by the first preference (Sec. 203(b)(2)).
(c) **Third preference:** Skilled workers, professionals (without advanced degrees), and other (i.e., unskilled) workers: not more than 28.6%, plus any numbers unused by the first two preferences, of which not more than 10,000 numbers are available for unskilled workers (Sec. 203(b)(3)).
(d) **Fourth preference:** Special immigrants (other than returning residents and certain former U.S. citizens – see I.B. above): not more than 7.1%, of which not more than 5,000 numbers may be allocated for certain religious workers. There is no "fall-down" of numbers from higher classes into this class; the limit is absolute. The class includes ministers of religion, certain employees/retirees of the U.S. Government abroad, Panama Canal and/or Zone employees, certain doctors, certain international organizations-related aliens, aliens dependent on a juvenile court, and certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces recruited abroad. There is also a time-limited inclusion of certain religious workers other than ministers. (Secs. 101(a)(27)(C) through (K) and Sec. 203(b)(4).)

Under the terms of the Armed Forces Immigration Adjustment Act of 1991 (P.L. 102–110 enacted October 1, 1991), immigrant visas made available to the special immigrant class for certain Armed Forces members under Sec. 101(a)(27)(K) are not counted against the numerical limitation in the year involved. In the succeeding fiscal year, the Employment Preference limits for the First, Second, and Third Preferences are each reduced by one-third the number of such visas made available, and the per-

country level under Sec. 202(a) is reduced by the number of such visas made available to natives of a foreign state. (Sec. 203(b)(6).)

(e) **Fifth preference:** Employment creators, i.e., aliens whose investments will create employment for at least 10 U.S. citizens and/or lawful permanent residents: not more than 7.1%, of which not less than 3,000 are reserved for investors in a targeted rural or high-unemployment area; there is no "fall-down" of numbers from the higher classes (Sec. 203(b)(5)). Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (P.L. 102–395 enacted October 6, 1992) modifies INA 203(b)(5) by creating a 5-year pilot program that sets aside up to 300 immigrant visas annually for aliens investing in certain qualifying regional centers in the United States.

(3) **Diversity immigrants:**
This classification became effective as of FY–1995. It is designed to provide immigration opportunities for aliens from foreign states from which immigration levels are low relative to the level from other countries. The annual limitation is 55,000. Applicants for each year's visas are selected at random from the entrants in an annual visa lottery (Sec. 203(c) and Sec. 204(a)(1)(G)).

III. Related Provisions

A. The applicability of the labor certification requirement (Sec. 212(a)(5)(A)) for immigrants is explicitly restricted to aliens in the employment-based second and third preferences. The Attorney General is authorized to waive the job offer requirement in certain second preference cases, however; the labor certification is also waived, by regulation, in those cases as a matter of practicality.

B. A spouse or child accompanying or following to join a preference immigrant (whether family-sponsored or employment-based) is entitled to the same classification and priority date as the principal alien if not otherwise entitled to an immigrant classification and the immediate issuance of a visa. The spouse or child of a diversity immigrant is entitled to a similar derivative visa status during the year for which the principal is selected in the visa lottery. (Sec. 203(d).)

C. The Marriage Fraud Amendments of 1986 (P.L. 89–639, November 10, 1986) established a conditional immigration status for aliens whose entitlement to an immigrant classification derived from a marriage entered into less than 2 years prior to admission. This provision affects not only the spouse of such marriage but also any sons or daughters. The conditionality may be removed only by approval of a petition filed during the 90-day period prior to the second anniversary of acquiring conditional status. (Sec. 216.)

D. An alien may adjust status from nonimmigrant to lawful permanent resident, subject to certain conditions, through the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Unless the adjustment is in a numerically-exempt category, it is charged against all appropriate limitations. (Sec. 245.)

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Various Determinations of Numerical Limits on Immigrants Required Under the Terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act

Determination of the Family Preference Numerical Limit for FY–1997

Terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

INA 201(c) specifies that the worldwide level of family-sponsored preference immigrants for a fiscal year is equal to:

480,000,
minus the number of immigrants described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of INA 201(b)(2) who, in the previous fiscal year, were issued immigrant visas or who otherwise acquired lawful permanent resident status,[1]
plus employment preference immigrant numbers that were unused during the previous fiscal year.

Under INA 201, however, the family-sponsored preference limitation for any fiscal year may not be less than 226,000.

Immediate Relative Immigrant Totals for FY–1996:

Immigrant visa workload reports received by the Department of State from consular posts worldwide show that during FY–1996 a total of 147,883 immediate relative (IR) visas were issued. This total is subject to a net reduction of 92, however, to take account of issued visas returned unused to consular offices and thus "recaptured" under INA 206.

Figures on adjustments of status at local offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service compiled and provided by INS Headquarters indicate that a total of 157,026 immigrants were granted lawful permanent residence at INS offices in the United States during FY–1996 in the categories for spouses, children, and parents of U.S. citizens; this figure includes persons who acquired permanent residence after having been admitted in nonimmigrant "K" (fiance(e)) status. Another 21 children accompanying immediate relative parents were admitted under INA 211(a).

INS admission figures record 1,651 children accorded permanent resident status after birth abroad to a permanent resident of the United States.

Employment Preference Number Use for FY–1996:

The employment-based preference limit for FY–1996 was 140,000. A total of 118,176 of these numbers were used for FY–1996 visa issuances or INS adjustments of status and, as required by INA 203(b)(6), an additional 656 were applied to special immigrants who were issued visas or adjusted status during FY–1995 under INA 101(a)(27)(K) [certain U.S. armed forces personnel]. Another 18 were charged for children admitted under INA 211(a) accompanying parents with employment preference visas. There were also 23 employment preference visas returned unused to consular offices; the numbers assigned to these issuances were thus "recaptured" under INA 206. Total unused numbers: 140,000 – (118,176 + 18) – 656 + 23 = 21,173.

Calculation of FY–1997 Family-Sponsored Preference Limitation:

Immediate relative visa issuances during FY–1996:	147,883
(minus net total of "recaptured" FY–1996 IR visas:	– 92)
Immediate relative adjustments of status by INS:	+157,026
Children admitted after birth to immediate relative visa holders:	+ 21
Children admitted after birth abroad to lawful permanent residents:	+ 1,651
Immediate Relative etc. Total:	306,489
FY–1997 Worldwide Family-Sponsored Level figure:	480,000
minus IR etc. total calculated above:	–306,489
plus unused FY–1996 employment pref. numbers:	+ 21,173
Total:	194,684

Since under the law the family-sponsored preference limitation for any fiscal year may not be less than 226,000, the limit for FY-1997 is fixed at: **226,000**

Determination of the Employment Preference Numerical Limit for FY-1997

Terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

INA 201(d) specifies that the worldwide level of employment-based preference immigrants for a fiscal year is equal to:

140,000
plus family preference immigrant numbers that were unused during the previous fiscal year.

Family Preference Number Use for FY-1996:

The family-sponsored preference limit for FY-1996 was 311,819. A total of 311,858 numbers were used for visa issuances or INS adjustments of status. Another 46 were charged for children admitted under INA 211(a) accompanying parents with family preference visas. There were also 85 family preference visas returned unused to consular offices; the numbers assigned to these issuances were thus "recaptured" under INA 206 and could be reallocated. Total unused numbers: 311,819 - (311,858 + 46) + 85 = 0.

Calculation of FY-1997 Employment-Based Preference Limitation:

Worldwide Employment-Based Level figure:	140,000
plus unused FY-1996 family preference numbers:	+ 0
Total:	140,000

For FY-1997, the employment-based preference limit is fixed at: **140,000**

(In accordance with INA 203(b)(6), the 90 special immigrants who were issued visas or adjusted status during FY-1996 under INA 101(a)(27)(K) [certain U.S. armed forces personnel] will be charged against the FY-1997 employment preference limit; each of the first, second and third preferences will be reduced by 30.)

Determination of Per-Country Limitations for FY-1997

Terms of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

INA 202(a) specifies that the per-country level of family plus employment preference immigrants in any fiscal year may not exceed:

For a foreign state: 7% of the total number of family and employment visas for that fiscal year; and
For a dependent area: 2% of the total number of family and employment visas for that fiscal year.

Calculation of FY-1997 Per-Country Limits:

Worldwide Family-Sponsored FY-1997 limit:	226,000
Worldwide Employment-Based FY-1997 limit:	+ 140,000
Total:	366,000
Foreign state limit for FY-1997 (7% of 366,000):	**25,620**
Dependent area limit for FY-1997 (2% of 366,000):	**7,320**

In accordance with Section 2(d) of the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-404), the CHINA—mainland born limit for FY-1997 is reduced by 1,000 to 24,620, to compensate for earlier issuances under that legislation. [See also Appendix A-3.]

Under the terms of INA 203(b)(6), FY-1997 per-country limits must be reduced to compensate for the special immigrants who were issued visas or adjusted status during FY-1996 under INA 101(a)(27)(K) [certain U.S. armed forces personnel]. The following FY-1997 per-country limits will be reduced by the amount specified to compensate for such immigrants: Australia 2; Italy 1; Japan 14; and Philippines 73. Since the Philippines chargeability is subject to the prorating provisions of INA 202(e), the reduction in that per-country limit will be accomplished under the law as follows: The employment first preference will be reduced by 25, and each of the second and third preferences will be reduced by 24.

[1] The immigrants described in these subparagraphs are 1) immediate relatives, i.e., spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens, 2) children admitted under INA 211(a) on the basis of prior issuance of an immigrant visa to their accompanying parent who is such immediate relative, and 3) children born to a lawful permanent resident during a temporary visit abroad.

Appendix A–3

Offset in the Per-Country Numerical Level for China–Mainland Born Immigrant Visas (Per Section 2(d) of P.L. 102–404)

The Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 (CSPA) (P.L. 102–404 enacted October 9, 1992) provides a basis for certain People's Republic of China nationals already living in the United States to obtain permanent residence through application to INS. Beneficiaries of this legislation are accorded status within the skilled worker component of the Employment Third preference and are subject to the worldwide Employment Preference annual limit. They are exempted from the INA 202 per-country limit, however. The CSPA requires that beginning with Fiscal Year 1993, the CHINA—mainland born per-country limit must be reduced by 1,000 numbers annually to compensate for cases processed under this legislation.

Employment Third preference immigrant numbers provided to beneficiaries of the CSPA, outside the CHINA—mainland born per-country annual limit:

FY–1993	41,684
FY–1994	8,953
FY–1995	3,536
FY–1996	139
FY–1997	57
Total	**54,369**

Unused CHINA—mainland born immigrant numbers under the per-country limit for FY–1997:

FY–1997 Per-country limit	Minus reduction per Sec. 2(d)(1) of P.L. 102–404	Minus numbers used	Plus numbers "recaptured" under INA 206	UNUSED numbers
25,620	1,000	24,617	1	4

Offset to the per-country numerical level:

	Reduction of the CHINA—mainland born annual limit	Unused numbers from the CHINA—mainland born annual limit	Offset
FY–1993	1,000	576	1,576
FY–1994	1,000	0	1,000
FY–1995	1,000	4,329	5,329
FY–1996	1,000	3,059	4,059
FY–1997	1,000	4	1,004
Total	**5,000**	**7,968**	**12,968**

Numbers remaining for future offset:

As of the end of	Numbers used for CSPA beneficiaries	Total offset for year	Remaining to be offset
FY–1993	41,684	1,576	40,108
FY–1994	8,953	1,000	48,061
FY–1995	3,536	5,329	46,268
FY–1996	139	4,059	42,348
FY–1997	57	1,004	41,401

Appendix B

Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Symbols

The following symbols were used during Fiscal Year 1997 in issuing visas to immigrants and nonimmigrants proceeding to the United States. Unless otherwise stated, the section of law cited refers to the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
	Immigrants	
	Immediate Relatives	
IR-1	Spouse of U.S. citizen	201(b)
IR-2	Child of U.S. citizen	201(b)
IR-3	Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	201(b)
IR-4	Orphan to be adopted in the United States by U.S. citizen	201(b)
IR-5	Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	201(b)
CR-1	Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional status)	201(b) & 216
CR-2	Child of U.S. citizen (conditional status)	201(b) & 216
IW-1	Certain spouses of deceased U.S. citizens	201(b)
IW-2	Child of IW-1	201(b)
IB-1	Self-petition spouse of U.S. citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iii)
IB-2	Self-petition child of U.S. citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iv)
IB-3	Child of IB-1	204(a)(1)(A)(iii)
VI-5	Parent of U.S. citizen who acquired permanent resident status under the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act	201(b) & Sec. 2 of the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act (P.L. 97-271)
	Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	
AM-1	Vietnam Amerasian principal	584(b)(1)(A), (B) and (C) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (as contained in Sec. 101(e) of P.L. 100-202), as amended
AM-2	Spouse/Child of AM-1	
AM-3	Natural mother of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such mother), or person who has acted in effect as the mother, father, or next-of-kin of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such person)	
	Special Immigrants	
SB-1	Returning resident	101(a)(27)(A)
SC-1	Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by marriage	101(a)(27)(B) & 324(a)
SC-2	Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by serving in foreign armed forces	101(a)(27)(B) & 327
	Family-Sponsored Immigrants	
First Preference		
F11	Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen	203(a)(1)
F12	Child of F11	203(d)
B11	Self-petition unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(1)
B12	Child of B11	203(d)

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
Second Preference (Subject to Country Limitations)		
F21	Spouse of permanent resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F22	Child of permanent resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F23	Child of F21 or F22	203(d)
F24	Unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident	203(a)(2)(B)
F25	Child of F24	203(d)
C21	Spouse of permanent resident (conditional status)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C22	Child of permanent resident (conditional status)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C23	Child of C21 or C22 (conditional status)	203(d) & 216
C24	Unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident (conditional status)	203(a)(2)(B) & 216
C25	Child of C24 (conditional status)	203(d) & 216
B21	Self-petition spouse of permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
B22	Self-petition child of permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B23	Child of B21 or B22	204(a)(1)(B)(ii) & 203(d)
B24	Self-petition unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B25	Child of B24	203(d)
Second Preference (Exempt from Country Limitations)		
FX1	Spouse of permanent resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX2	Child of permanent resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX3	Child of FX1 or FX2	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(d)
CX1	Spouse of permanent resident (conditional status)	202(a)(4)(A), 203(a)(2)(A), & 216
CX2	Child of permanent resident (conditional status)	202(a)(4)(A), 203(a)(2)(A), & 216
CX3	Child of CX1 or CX2 (conditional status)	202(a)(4)(A), 203(d), & 216
BX1	Self-petition spouse of permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
BX2	Self-petition child of permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
BX3	Child of BX1 or BX2	204(a)(1)(B)(ii) & 203(d)
Third Preference		
F31	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen	203(a)(3)
F32	Spouse of F31	203(d)
F33	Child of F31	203(d)
C31	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen (conditional status)	203(a)(3) & 216
C32	Spouse of C31 (conditional status)	203(d) & 216
C33	Child of C31 (conditional status)	203(d) & 216
B31	Self-petition married son or daughter of U.S. citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3)
B32	Spouse of B31	203(d)
B33	Child of B31	203(d)
Fourth Preference		
F41	Brother or sister of U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years of age	203(a)(4)
F42	Spouse of F41	203(d)
F43	Child of F41	203(d)

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
	Employment-Based Immigrants	
First Preference (Priority Workers)		
E11	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	203(b)(1)(A)
E12	Outstanding professor or researcher	203(b)(1)(B)
E13	Multinational executive or manager	203(b)(1)(C)
E14	Spouse of E11, E12, or E13	203(d)
E15	Child of E11, E12, or E13	203(d)
Second Preference (Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability)		
E21	Professional holding advanced degree or person of exceptional ability in the sciences, arts, or business	203(b)(2)
E22	Spouse of E21	203(d)
E23	Child of E21	203(d)
Third Preference (Skilled Workers, Professionals, and Other Workers)		
E31	Skilled worker	203(b)(3)(A)(i)
E32	Professional holding baccalaureate degree	203(b)(3)(A)(ii)
E34	Spouse of E31 or E32	203(d)
E35	Child of E31 or E32	203(d)
EW3	Other workers (subgroup numerical limit)	203(b)(3)(A)(iii)
EW4	Spouse of EW3	203(d)
EW5	Child of EW3	203(d)
Fourth Preference (Certain Special Immigrants)		
SD-1	Minister of religion	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(I) & 203(b)(4)
SD-2	Spouse of SD-1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SD-3	Child of SD-1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SE-1	Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SE-2	Spouse of SE-1	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SE-3	Child of SE-1	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SF-1	Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government	101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4)
SF-2	Spouse or child of SF-1	101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4)
SG-1	Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone	101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4)
SG-2	Spouse or child of SG-1	101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4)
SH-1	Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979	101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4)
SH-2	Spouse or child of SH-1	101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4)
SJ-2	Spouse or child of SJ-1 (certain foreign medical graduates)	101(a)(27)(H) & 203(b)(4)
SK-1	Certain retired international organization employees	101(a)(27)(I)(iii) & 203(b)(4)
SK-2	Spouse of SK-1	101(a)(27)(I)(iv) & 203(b)(4)
SK-3	Certain unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees	101(a)(27)(I)(i) & 203(b)(4)
SK-4	Certain surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees	101(a)(27)(I)(ii) & 203(b)(4)
SL-1	Certain juvenile court dependents	101(a)(27)(J) & 203(b)(4)
SM-1	Person recruited outside the United States who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (became eligible after October 1, 1991)	101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of P.L. 102-110

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
SM-2	Spouse of SM-1	101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of P.L. 102-110
SM-3	Child of SM-1	101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of P.L. 102-110
SM-4	Person recruited outside the United States who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (eligible as of October 1, 1991)	101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of P.L. 102-110
SM-5	Spouse or child of SM-4	101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of P.L. 102-110
SR-1	Certain religious workers (subgroup numerical limit)	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) & 203(b)(4)
SR-2	Spouse of SR-1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)
SR-3	Child of SR-1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4)

Fifth Preference (Employment Creation) (Conditional Status)

C51	Employment creation outside targeted area	203(b)(5)(A)
C52	Spouse of C51	203(d)
C53	Child of C51	203(d)
T51	Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area (subgroup numerical set-aside)	203(b)(5)(B)
T52	Spouse of T51	203(d)
T53	Child of T51	203(d)
R51	Investor pilot program, not in targeted area	203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (P.L. 102-395)
R52	Spouse of R51	
R53	Child of R51	
I51	Investor pilot program, targeted area	
I52	Spouse of I51	
I53	Child of I51	

Other Numerically Limited Categories

Diversity Immigrants

DV-1	Diversity immigrant	203(c)
DV-2	Spouse of DV-1	203(d)
DV-3	Child of DV-1	203(d)

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
	Nonimmigrants	
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat or consular officer, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(A)(i)
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(A)(ii)
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 or A-2, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(A)(iii)
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	101(a)(15)(B)
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	101(a)(15)(B)
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	101(a)(15)(B)
C-1	Person in transit	101(a)(15)(C)
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters district under Section 11 (3), (4), or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement	101(a)(15)(C)
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant or personal employee, in transit	212(d)(8)
D	Crew member (sea or air)	101(a)(15)(D)
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	101(a)(15)(E)(i)
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	101(a)(15)(E)(ii)
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	101(a)(15)(F)(i)
F-2	Spouse or child of academic/language student	101(a)(15)(F)(ii)
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(G)(i)
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(G)(ii)
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(G)(iii)
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(G)(iv)
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	101(a)(15)(G)(v)
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse	101(a)(15)(H)(i)(a)
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services unavailable in the United States	101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services unavailable in the United States	101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)
H-3	Trainee	101(a)(15)(H)(iii)
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B, H-2A/B, or H-3	101(a)(15)(H)
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	101(a)(15)(I)
J-1	Exchange visitor	101(a)(15)(J)
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	101(a)(15)(J)
K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	101(a)(15)(K)
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	101(a)(15)(K)
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	101(a)(15)(L)
L-2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	101(a)(15)(L)
M-1	Vocational student or other nonacademic student	101(a)(15)(M)(i)
M-2	Spouse or child of vocational/nonacademic student	101(a)(15)(M)(ii)
N-8	Parent of SK-3 special immigrant	101(a)(15)(N)(i)
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant	101(a)(15)(N)(ii)
NATO-1	Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S. and resident members of official staff; Secretary General, Assistant Secretaries General, and Executive Secretary of NATO; other permanent NATO officials of similar rank, and members of immediate family	Art. 12, 5 UST 1094; Art. 20, 5 UST 1098

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
NATO–2	Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) including representatives, advisers, and technical experts of delegations, and members of immediate family; dependents of members of a force entering in accordance with the provisions of the NATO Status-of-Forces Agreement or in accordance with provisions of the "Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters"; members of such a force if issued visas	Art. 13, 5 UST 1094; Art. 1, 4 UST 1794; Art. 3, 4 UST 1796
NATO–3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and members of immediate family	Art. 14, 5 UST 1096
NATO–4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO–1), and members of immediate family	Art. 18, 5 UST 1098
NATO–5	Experts, other than officials classifiable as NATO–4, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	Art. 21, 5 UST 1100
NATO–6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of the NATO Status-of-Forces Agreement; members of a civilian component attached to or employed by an Allied Headquarters under the "Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters" set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty; and their dependents	Art. 1, 4 UST 1794; Art. 3, 5 UST 877
NATO–7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO–1 through NATO–6 classes, and immediate family	Arts. 12–20, 5 UST 1094–1098
O–1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	101(a)(15)(O)(i)
O–2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O–1	101(a)(15)(O)(ii)
O–3	Spouse or child of O–1 or O–2	101(a)(15)(O)(iii)
P–1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	101(a)(15)(P)(i) & 214(c)(4)(A) & (B)
P–2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	101(a)(15)(P)(ii)
P–3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	101(a)(15)(P)(iii)
P–4	Spouse or child of P–1, P–2, or P–3	101(a)(15)(P)(iv)
Q–1	Participant in an international cultural exchange program	101(a)(15)(Q)
R–1	Person in a religious occupation	101(a)(15)(R)
R–2	Spouse or child of R–1	101(a)(15)(R)
S–5	Informant possessing information on criminal activity	101(a)(15)(S)(i)
S–6	Informant possessing information on terrorism	101(a)(15)(S)(ii)
S–7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S–5 or S–6	101(a)(15)(S)
TN	NAFTA professional	214(e)
TD	Spouse or child of TN	214(e)

Appendix C

Immigrant Visa Waiting List in the Family-Sponsored and Employment-Based Preferences as of January 1997

The Department of State periodically asks consular offices at which immigrant visa cases are registered (as well as the National Visa Center) to report the totals of applicants on the waiting list in the various numerically-limited immigrant categories. Applications for adjustment of status under INA 245 which are pending at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are not included in the tabulation of the immigrant waiting list.

The figures below have been compiled from the reports submitted to the Department for the January 1997 count and show the number of immigrant visa applicants on the waiting list in the various preferences and subcategories subject to numerical limit. Provided for comparison are totals prepared following the previous tabulation in January 1995. All figures reflect persons registered under each respective numerical limitation, i.e., the totals represent not only principal applicants or petition beneficiaries, but their spouses and children entitled to derivative status under INA 203(d) as well.

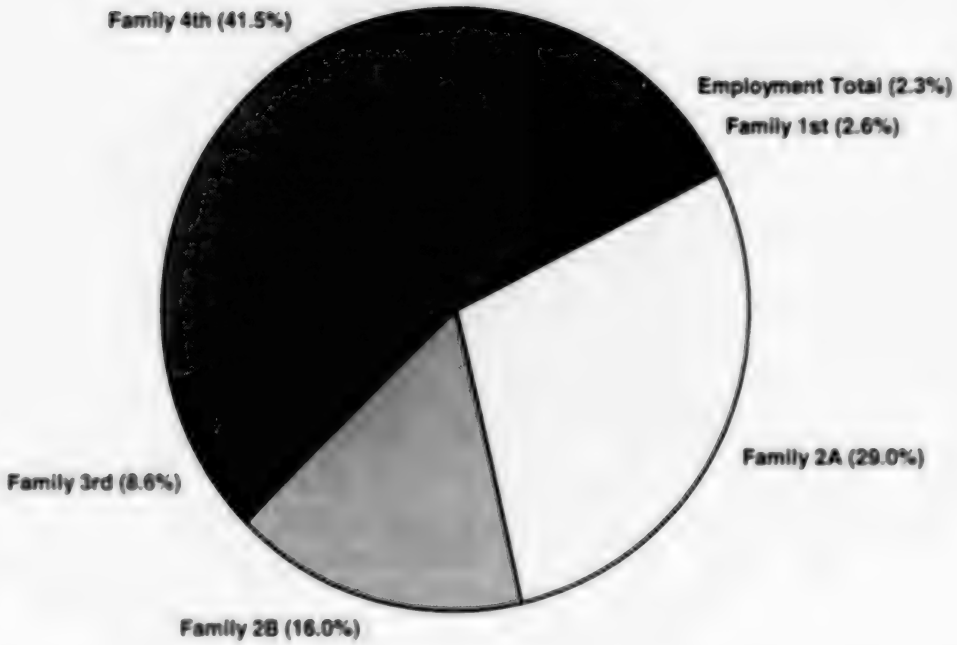
Immigrant Waiting List

Category	January 1997 Totals (and % of total registrants)		January 1995 Totals	Increase/Decrease From 1995 Totals (and % of change)	
Family Preferences					
FAMILY FIRST	93,376	(2.6%)	69,540	+ 23,836	(+ 34.3%)
FAMILY SECOND					
2A–Spouses/Children	1,052,270	(29.0%)	1,138,544	– 86,274	(– 7.6%)
2B–Adult Sons/Daughters	578,351	(16.0%)	494,064	+ 84,287	(+ 17.1%)
Preference Total	1,630,621	(45.0%)	1,632,608	– 1,987	(– 0.1%)
FAMILY THIRD	312,200	(8.6%)	260,414	+ 51,786	(+ 19.9%)
FAMILY FOURTH	1,502,233	(41.5%)	1,592,424	– 90,191	(– 5.7%)
FAMILY TOTAL	**3,538,430**	**(97.7%)**	**3,554,986**	**– 16,556**	**(– 0.5%)**
Employment Preferences					
EMPLOYMENT FIRST	11,405	(0.3%)	9,361	+ 2,044	(+ 21.8%)
EMPLOYMENT SECOND	9,527	(0.2%)	9,097	+ 430	(+ 4.7%)
EMPLOYMENT THIRD					
Skilled Workers/Baccalaureate Degree Holders	35,030	(1.0%)	32,560	+ 2,470	(+ 7.6%)
Other (i.e., Unskilled) Workers	21,834	(0.6%)	78,946	– 57,112	(– 72.3%)
Preference Total	56,864	(1.6%)	111,506	– 54,642	(– 49.0%)
EMPLOYMENT FOURTH	6,171*	(0.2%)	7,393*	– 1,222	(– 16.5%)
EMPLOYMENT FIFTH	500**	(minimal)	163**	+ 337	(+207.0%)
EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	**84,467**	**(2.3%)**	**137,520**	**– 53,053**	**(– 38.6%)**
GRAND TOTAL	**3,622,897**	**(100.0%)**	**3,692,506**	**– 69,609**	**(– 1.9%)**

*of which, certain religious workers in the classes established under the Immigration Act of 1990: 1997: 3,405; 1995: 3,331

**of which, investors in targeted employment areas: 1997: 359; 1995: 79

Immigrant Waiting List
By Visa Category
January 1997

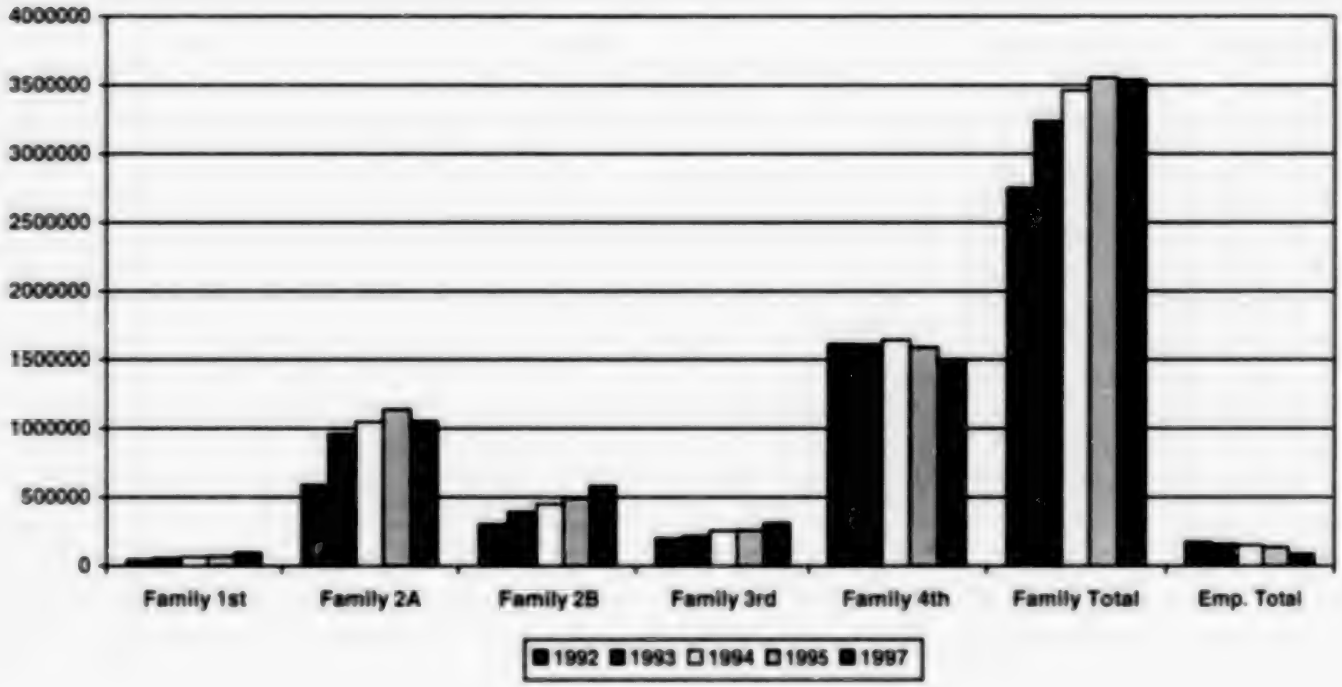


Since the 1995 count, the family-sponsored preference total decreased slightly (about 16,000, or 0.5%), with the declines concentrated in the 2A component of second preference and in the fourth preference. The second preference remained the largest component of the family-sponsored waiting list. The employment-sponsored preferences as a group showed a decrease, due to a very substantial drop in "Other (i.e., Unskilled) Worker" cases.

Immigrant visa issuances during Fiscal Year 1997 were limited by the terms of INA 201 to 226,000 in the family-sponsored preferences and to 140,000 in the employment-based preferences.

It should by no means be assumed that once an applicant is registered, the case is then continually included in the waiting list totals unless and until a visa is issued. The consular procedures mandate a regular culling of visa cases to remove from the count those unlikely to see further action, so that totals are not unreasonably inflated. If, for example, a consular post receives no response within 1 year from an applicant to whom the visa application instruction letter (i.e., the consular "Packet 3" letter) is sent when the movement of the visa availability cut-off date indicates a visa may become available within a reasonable time frame, the case is considered "inactive" under the consular procedures and is no longer included in waiting list totals.

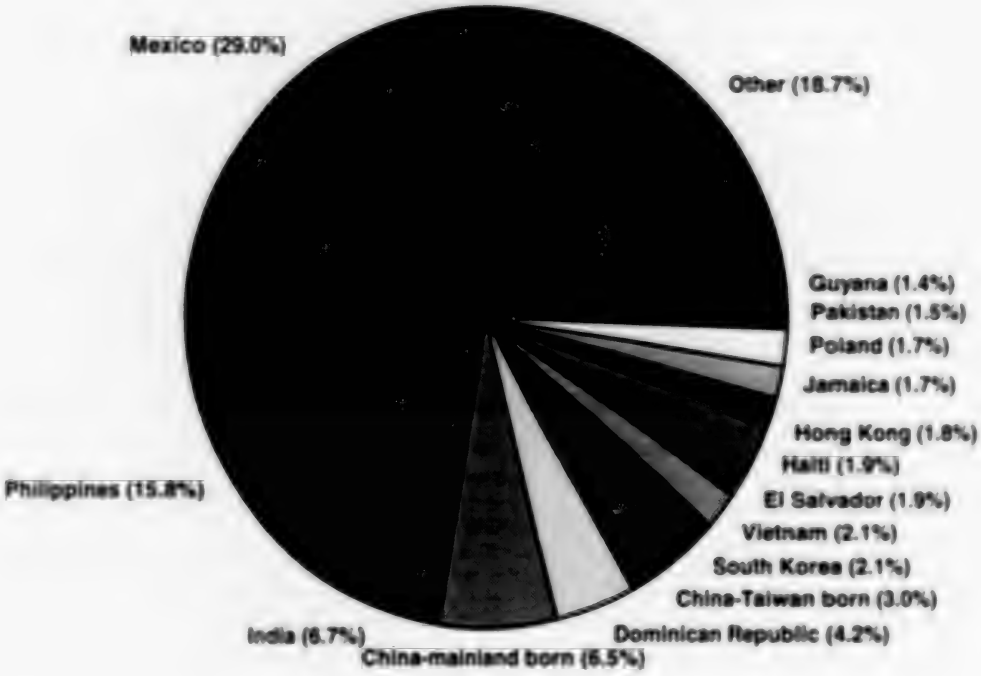
Immigrant Waiting List
By Category



The 15 countries/areas with the highest number of waiting list registrants are listed below; together these represent just over 81% of the total. This list includes all countries with at least 40,000 persons on the waiting list. The same 15 were also at the top of the 1995 listing, although the country order was different.

	1997 Total	1995 Total
Mexico	1,050,823	1,039,706
Philippines	573,414	564,207
India	243,159	254,333
China—mainland born	235,176	207,489
Dominican Republic	150,596	111,118
China—Taiwan born	108,625	103,925
South Korea	77,203	96,754
Vietnam	75,568	167,051
El Salvador	69,809	88,108
Haiti	69,221	71,808
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	66,734	63,191
Jamaica	60,575	64,024
Poland	59,533	44,874
Pakistan	55,239	59,101
Guyana	49,022	47,731
All Others	678,200	709,086
Worldwide Total	**3,622,897**	**3,692,506**

Immigrant Waiting List
By Country
January 1997



A breakdown of the worldwide waiting list by region is:

	Family Preferences (% of Family Total)		Employment Preferences (% of Employment Total)		Total (% of Total Waiting List)	
Africa	68,745	(1.9%)	3,608	(4.3%)	72,353	(2.0%)
Asia	1,602,761	(45.3%)	43,204	(51.1%)	1,645,965	(45.4%)
Europe	133,219	(3.8%)	11,005	(13.0%)	144,224	(4.0%)
North America*	1,566,452	(44.3%)	18,966	(22.5%)	1,585,418	(43.8%)
Oceania	14,338	(0.4%)	476	(0.6%)	14,814	(0.4%)
South America	152,915	(4.3%)	7,208	(8.5%)	160,123	(4.4%)
Total	**3,538,430**	**(100.0%)**	**84,467**	**(100.0%)**	**3,622,897**	**(100.0%)**

*North America includes Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean

Family-Sponsored Preferences

Family FIRST Preference

The worldwide Family FIRST preference numerical limitation is 23,400. Waiting list details were:

Country/Area	Family First Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Philippines	57,658	61.7%
Mexico	9,685	10.4%
Jamaica	2,859	3.1%
Dominican Republic	2,773	3.0%
Other Countries	20,401	21.8%
Total	**93,376**	**100.0%**

Family SECOND Preference

The total Family SECOND preference waiting list figure was 1,630,621. Of these, 1,052,270 (64.5%) were spouses and children of permanent residents of the United States (the 2A class), and 578,351 (35.5%) were adult unmarried sons/daughters of permanent residents (the 2B class). The Family SECOND preference represented 46% of the total Family preference waiting list.

The worldwide Family SECOND preference limit for FY-1997 was 114,200 plus unused FIRST preference numbers. 77% of SECOND preference numbers are provided to "2A" applicants, while the remaining 23% go to the "2B" class.

2A: About 88,000 visa numbers were available to this applicant class during FY-1997. The countries with the highest 2A waiting list totals were:

Country/Area	Family 2A Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Mexico	716,379	68.1%
Dominican Republic	53,562	5.1%
Haiti	30,827	2.9%
El Salvador	27,768	2.6%
Philippines	23,866	2.3%
China—mainland born	22,783	2.2%
India	13,222	1.2%
Jamaica	12,213	1.2%
Guatemala	11,679	1.1%
Poland	10,156	1.0%
Other Countries	129,815	12.3%
Total	**1,052,270**	**100.0%**

2B: Visa numbers for this class of adult sons and daughters totalled about 26,000 during FY-1997. Applicant totals were:

Country/Area	Family 2B Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Mexico	140,939	24.4%
Dominican Republic	71,149	12.3%
Philippines	46,381	8.0%
China—mainland born	27,164	4.7%
Haiti	26,644	4.6%
El Salvador	22,124	3.8%
Jamaica	21,808	3.8%
India	18,331	3.2%
Guyana	16,828	2.9%
Vietnam	10,952	1.9%
China—Taiwan born	10,308	1.8%
Other Countries	165,723	28.6%
Total	**578,351**	**100.0%**

Family THIRD Preference

The annual visa limit is 23,400. Countries with highest registrations were:

Country/Area	Family Third Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Philippines	158,619	50.8%
Mexico	37,763	12.1%
Poland	21,780	7.0%
China—mainland born	11,531	3.7%
India	10,766	3.4%
Other Countries	71,741	23.0%
Total	**312,200**	**100.0%**

Family FOURTH Preference

Applicants registered in the Family FOURTH preference totalled 1,502,233. Annual visa issuances are limited to 65,000. Because of the demand so much in excess of available visas, the waiting period was longer than in any other category. The following countries had the largest number of FOURTH preference applicants:

Country/Area	Family Fourth Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Philippines	272,149	18.1%
India	195,410	13.0%
China—mainland born	165,178	11.0%
Mexico	142,043	9.4%
China—Taiwan born	90,068	6.0%
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	55,091	3.7%
South Korea	54,967	3.7%
Vietnam	48,210	3.2%
Pakistan	38,968	2.6%
Other Countries	440,149	29.3%
Total	**1,502,233**	**100.0%**

Employment-Based Preferences

It is important to note that most Employment preference immigrants are adjustment of status cases at INS offices. Cases pending with INS are **not** counted in the consular waiting list tally. Thus, in several Employment preference categories the waiting list understates actual immigrant demand.

Employment FIRST Preference

As of January 1997, registrations in this category were 11,405 against a FY–1997 limit of 40,040 (28.6% of 140,000), plus any unused numbers from the Employment FOURTH and FIFTH preferences (which fall "up" to FIRST). The top countries were:

Country/Area	Employment First Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Canada	1,838	16.1%
China—mainland born	1,620	14.2%
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,234	10.8%
India	547	4.8%
China—Taiwan born	527	4.6%
Other Countries	5,639	49.5%
Total	**11,405**	**100.0%**

Employment SECOND Preference

The FY-1997 visa limit was 40,040 plus unused numbers from the FIRST preference. There were three countries with more than 1,000 applicants registered in the SECOND preference category:

Country/Area	Employment Second Preference Total	Percent of Category Waiting List
Philippines	2,130	22.4%
India	1,650	17.3%
Canada	1,003	10.5%
Other Countries	4,744	49.8%
Total	**9,527**	**100.0%**

Employment THIRD Preference

The preference was entitled to 28.6% of the 140,000 FY-1997 Employment numbers, i.e., 40,040, plus the unused numbers from the category above. INA 203(b)(3)(B) specifies that no more than 10,000 of these numbers may be provided to applicants in the "Other (i.e., Unskilled) Worker" subcategory, however.

The Employment THIRD preference waiting list components for "Skilled Workers" (i.e., at least 2 years of training or experience required for labor certification) and "Professionals with Baccalaureate Degree" totalled 35,030 (just over 60% of all registrations in the preference). Countries with the highest number of such applicants were:

Country/Area	Employment Third Preference: Skilled Worker/ Professional Components	Percent of Waiting List in These Classes
Philippines	9,763	27.9%
China—mainland born	4,549	13.0%
South Korea	2,036	5.8%
India	1,937	5.5%
Mexico	1,670	4.8%
Poland	1,216	3.5%
El Salvador	919	2.6%
China—Taiwan born	733	2.1%
Canada	705	2.0%
Other Countries	11,502	32.8%
Total	**35,030**	**100.0%**

Other Workers: Applicants within this segment of the Employment THIRD preference amounted to 21,834. This was nearly 40% of the THIRD preference total. As noted above, the annual limit set by law for issuances to this component of THIRD preference is 10,000. Countries with the most registrations were:

Country/Area	Employment Third Preference: Other Worker Component	Percent of Waiting List in This Class
El Salvador	2,586	11.9%
Philippines	2,197	10.1%
South Korea	2,104	9.6%
Mexico	1,795	8.2%
Trinidad and Tobago	1,401	6.4%
China—mainland born	923	4.2%
Bolivia	808	3.7%
Guyana	766	3.5%
Guatemala	705	3.2%
Other Countries	8,549	39.2%
Total	**21,834**	**100.0%**

Employment FOURTH Preference

The worldwide FY-1997 visa limit (7.1% of 140,000) was 9,940 in this preference. Only 6,171 applicants were counted in the January 1997 waiting list tally, 3,405 of whom were in the classes for "certain religious workers" established under INA 101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) and (III). The two chargeabilities with the greatest number of registrants (South Korea: 888; and Philippines: 480) together represented 22% of the waiting list. Any unused FOURTH preference numbers fall up to Employment FIRST preference.

Employment FIFTH Preference

The FY-1997 limit was 9,940. There were 500 applicants registered on the visa waiting list, 359 of whom were investors in "targeted areas." The four chargeabilities with the greatest number of registrants (China—Taiwan born: 164; China—mainland born: 109; South Korea: 96; and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: 41) together represented 82% of the waiting list. Any unused numbers from this annual limit fall up to Employment FIRST preference.

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Active Immigrant Visa Applicants (Part I)
Registered at Consular Offices Abroad
as of January 1997

	Family Preferences						Employment Preferences				
FSC Name	1st	2A	2B	3rd	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Afghanistan	26	678	888	424	2,694	4,710	0	14	23	5	28
Albania	60	344	73	1,701	231	2,409	0	2	0	0	0
Algeria	2	107	93	5	213	420	6	31	16	2	18
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angola	2	33	101	5	41	182	1	0	5	7	12
Antigua and Barbuda	85	192	822	125	1,431	2,655	0	0	2	32	34
Argentina	85	721	629	305	2,081	3,821	84	61	165	157	322
Armenia	8	225	76	84	252	645	46	9	120	7	127
Australia	27	90	123	66	156	462	154	29	103	7	110
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	6	35	37	24	89	191	60	5	15	2	17
Azerbaijan	3	54	37	14	40	148	16	3	16	6	22
Bahamas	79	862	601	123	439	2,104	4	9	49	8	57
Bahrain	1	23	16	4	94	138	1	1	1	1	2
Bangladesh	91	5,555	2,808	612	20,644	29,710	25	51	206	73	279
Barbados	177	436	966	239	1,967	3,785	11	1	15	192	207
Belarus	4	135	26	47	77	289	17	4	15	3	18
Belgium	11	42	61	15	83	212	74	9	27	11	38
Belize	205	832	1,564	305	1,660	4,566	1	1	22	128	150
Benin	1	16	2	0	8	27	0	1	0	2	2
Bhutan	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia	82	1,694	817	142	2,233	4,968	27	42	371	808	1,179
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	37	31	41	146	261	4	13	5	5	10
Botswana	0	1	4	0	4	9	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	81	1,774	912	302	1,522	4,591	251	18	347	242	589
Brunei	0	2	8	0	112	122	0	0	1	0	1
Bulgaria	13	167	120	59	379	738	52	15	61	9	70
Burkina Faso	0	0	1	0	11	12	0	0	0	0	0
Burma	21	286	1,445	518	6,927	9,197	6	14	11	23	34
Burundi	0	5	0	0	5	10	0	0	1	0	1
Cambodia	70	472	796	537	5,049	6,924	1	0	19	1	20
Cameroon	11	192	108	0	135	446	2	16	29	21	50
Canada	1,001	1,316	1,848	3,355	3,796	11,316	1,838	1,003	705	70	775
Cape Verde	28	1,030	2,003	121	1,316	4,498	0	0	0	20	20
Central African Republic	0	4	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0
Chad	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Chile	47	538	668	224	2,361	3,838	23	8	62	83	145
China–mainland born	480	22,783	27,164	11,531	165,178	227,136	1,620	787	4,549	923	5,472
–Taiwan born	326	2,781	10,308	3,118	90,068	106,601	527	265	733	247	980
Colombia	835	6,489	9,278	1,903	11,008	29,513	54	27	320	327	647
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	1	7	0	0	9	17	0	0	1	1	2
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	0	74	59	7	125	265	8	0	2	2	4
Costa Rica	34	600	506	156	1,296	2,592	11	0	52	43	95
Cote d'Ivoire	3	88	33	1	92	217	2	0	3	6	9
Croatia	10	76	43	98	547	774	12	8	13	15	28
Cuba	920	5,764	7,638	6,727	11,860	32,909	7	0	6	0	6
Cyprus	1	20	38	15	425	499	1	8	8	3	11
Czech Republic	14	120	71	68	486	759	20	14	24	5	29
Denmark	4	38	53	21	72	188	41	1	9	1	10

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Afghanistan	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	46	4,756
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2,411
Algeria	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	61	481
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	195
Antigua and Barbuda	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	40	2,695
Argentina	30	11	41	0	0	0	0	0	508	4,329
Armenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	827
Australia	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	302	764
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	89	280
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	189
Bahamas	12	12	24	0	0	0	0	0	94	2,198
Bahrain	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	7	145
Bangladesh	34	18	52	0	0	0	0	0	407	30,117
Barbados	9	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	233	4,018
Belarus	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	42	331
Belgium	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	130	342
Belize	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	156	4,722
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bolivia	17	16	33	0	0	0	0	0	1,281	6,249
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	289
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Brazil	34	29	63	1	1	0	0	2	923	5,514
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	123
Bulgaria	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	140	878
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Burma	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	57	9,254
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
Cambodia	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	29	6,953
Cameroon	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	71	517
Canada	56	55	111	4	0	0	0	4	3,731	15,047
Cape Verde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4,518
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chile	10	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	191	4,029
China–mainland born	31	21	52	14	95	0	0	109	8,040	235,176
–Taiwan born	77	11	88	64	100	0	0	164	2,024	108,625
Colombia	37	41	78	0	1	0	0	1	807	30,320
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Republic of the	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	279
Costa Rica	8	12	20	0	0	0	0	0	126	2,718
Cote d'Ivoire	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	26	243
Croatia	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	53	827
Cuba	8	18	26	0	0	0	0	0	39	32,948
Cyprus	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	22	521
Czech Republic	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	65	824
Denmark	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	61	249

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Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Djibouti	0	5	4	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	0
Dominica	108	432	1,244	122	1,471	3,377	0	1	2	47	49
Dominican Republic	2,773	53,562	71,149	3,306	19,413	150,203	33	9	81	107	188
Ecuador	528	6,513	7,381	1,796	6,090	22,308	4	2	587	366	953
Egypt	33	956	2,081	721	15,871	19,662	59	83	163	49	212
El Salvador	830	27,768	22,124	786	14,690	66,198	0	0	919	2,586	3,505
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	17	321	131	7	72	548	4	0	4	0	4
Estonia	0	8	8	4	7	27	7	1	2	3	5
Ethiopia	74	2,399	1,635	40	1,492	5,640	8	21	32	26	58
Fiji	19	375	559	323	8,434	9,710	3	0	4	7	11
Finland	6	37	26	10	82	161	33	2	18	6	24
France	25	238	232	59	528	1,082	187	51	58	20	78
French Guiana	0	11	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	0
French Polynesia	0	5	2	5	13	25	0	0	0	0	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	10	78	23	0	50	161	0	0	3	0	3
Martinique	0	13	4	13	46	76	0	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabon	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gambia	0	98	7	3	47	155	0	8	10	17	27
Georgia	0	35	19	12	40	106	15	5	7	0	7
Germany	85	494	454	279	1,366	2,678	277	60	147	30	177
Ghana	627	2,008	1,342	121	1,963	6,061	9	61	70	93	163
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	448	1,252	2,728	1,118	6,558	12,104	1,234	352	585	118	703
Anguilla	5	6	63	20	180	274	0	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	12	14	39	16	128	209	4	0	2	0	2
British Virgin Islands	9	39	38	7	254	347	0	0	0	0	0
Cayman Islands	5	22	7	2	23	59	0	0	0	2	2
Falkland Islands	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	26	39	90	22	254	431	0	0	1	13	14
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	51	36	5	78	171	0	0	0	1	1
Greece	38	248	248	149	4,013	4,696	26	15	47	22	69
Grenada	121	375	871	121	1,389	2,877	0	0	12	204	216
Guatemala	362	11,679	8,119	714	8,751	29,625	2	5	271	705	976
Guinea	0	40	16	0	19	75	0	0	13	5	18
Guinea-Bissau	0	12	3	0	0	15	0	0	0	3	3
Guyana	1,154	4,891	16,828	3,649	21,406	47,928	33	17	160	766	926
Haiti	1,768	30,827	26,644	521	8,886	68,646	5	2	89	283	372
Honduras	627	8,811	7,575	765	4,574	22,352	4	5	169	306	475
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	142	1,376	7,593	1,720	55,091	65,922	129	63	230	334	564

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Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Dominica	3	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	65	3,442
Dominican Republic	55	108	163	0	0	0	0	0	393	150,596
Ecuador	5	25	30	0	0	0	0	0	989	23,297
Egypt	24	17	41	0	0	0	0	0	395	20,057
El Salvador	60	46	106	0	0	0	0	0	3,611	69,809
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	560
Estonia	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	16	43
Ethiopia	7	19	26	0	0	0	0	0	113	5,753
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	9,724
Finland	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	221
France	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	327	1,409
French Guiana	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
French Polynesia	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	28
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	164
Martinique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	190
Georgia	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	34	140
Germany	15	12	27	4	2	0	0	6	547	3,225
Ghana	54	53	107	0	0	0	0	0	340	6,401
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	41	37	78	4	2	0	0	6	2,373	14,477
Anguilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	274
Bermuda	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	217
British Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	347
Cayman Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	61
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montserrat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	445
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	173
Greece	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	122	4,818
Grenada	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	220	3,097
Guatemala	5	52	57	0	0	0	0	0	1,040	30,665
Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	93
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	18
Guyana	26	92	118	0	0	0	0	0	1,094	49,022
Haiti	118	76	194	0	2	0	0	2	575	69,221
Honduras	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	509	22,861
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	10	5	15	3	38	0	0	41	812	66,734

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Hungary	16	100	94	94	471	775	31	27	18	20	38
Iceland	7	33	25	38	65	168	14	9	0	0	0
India	550	13,222	18,331	10,766	195,410	238,279	547	1,650	1,937	387	2,324
Indonesia	12	399	497	159	2,967	4,034	8	16	26	51	77
Iran	107	2,290	8,389	1,369	25,816	37,971	71	88	570	189	759
Iraq	42	581	2,718	662	7,086	11,089	13	24	15	11	26
Ireland	94	169	125	104	1,408	1,900	57	25	28	13	41
Israel	80	472	895	553	3,396	5,396	108	56	231	88	319
Italy	36	312	330	322	3,479	4,479	115	23	138	56	194
Jamaica	2,859	12,213	21,808	2,562	20,038	59,480	9	29	145	536	681
Japan	39	790	318	186	932	2,265	496	141	373	91	464
Jordan	140	2,390	4,215	1,284	11,017	19,046	21	64	83	18	101
Kazakhstan	1	27	8	6	3	45	21	11	6	0	6
Kenya	12	375	288	145	3,757	4,577	26	50	74	22	96
Kiribati	0	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, North	3	3	2	0	15	23	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	239	3,984	8,709	3,533	54,967	71,432	326	321	2,036	2,104	4,140
Kuwait	35	733	1,541	244	1,270	3,823	21	32	57	3	60
Kyrgyzstan	0	5	5	0	3	13	1	0	4	0	4
Laos	64	600	570	349	2,478	4,061	0	0	22	0	22
Latvia	6	47	25	15	29	122	9	7	8	0	8
Lebanon	143	2,188	6,531	1,724	14,154	24,740	24	57	248	65	313
Lesotho	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	2	2
Liberia	200	968	715	92	706	2,681	3	16	82	52	134
Libya	2	46	66	14	131	259	0	13	1	1	2
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	10	88	39	105	143	385	17	0	8	3	11
Luxembourg	1	0	1	0	12	14	1	0	0	0	0
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	13	229	125	206	650	1,223	6	2	17	7	24
Madagascar	0	7	11	0	40	58	7	1	4	4	8
Malawi	1	22	13	24	185	245	1	4	12	0	12
Malaysia	1	374	483	66	4,316	5,240	18	37	116	69	185
Maldives	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mali	0	25	3	0	4	32	0	0	12	3	15
Malta	1	15	19	25	142	202	5	1	0	1	1
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	4	0	4	[illegible]	0	0	0	0
Mauritania	0	2	1	0	3	6	[illegible]	0	0	0	0
Mauritius	0	26	15	6	116	163	0	1	3	3	6
Mexico	9,685	716,379	140,939	37,763	142,043	1,046,809	186	36	1,670	1,795	3,465
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0
Moldova	1	43	31	40	68	183	13	8	6	1	7
Monaco	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	2	0	3	4	9	0	4	0	0	0
Morocco	3	333	502	29	881	1,748	24	39	51	46	97
Mozambique	4	9	24	4	182	223	1	0	2	11	13
Namibia	0	4	2	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	1	3	0	26	30	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal	1	145	71	29	384	630	18	21	56	23	79
Netherlands	6	70	100	28	220	424	56	14	33	8	41
Aruba	2	19	26	0	60	107	0	0	1	0	1

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Hungary	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	102	877
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	191
India	166	187	353	5	1	0	0	6	4,880	243,159
Indonesia	8	2	10	1	0	0	0	1	112	4,146
Iran	8	21	29	0	0	0	0	0	947	38,918
Iraq	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	74	11,163
Ireland	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	134	2,034
Israel	39	66	105	2	0	0	0	2	590	5,986
Italy	5	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	360	4,839
Jamaica	83	293	376	0	0	0	0	0	1,095	60,575
Japan	13	16	29	5	12	0	0	17	1,147	3,412
Jordan	18	18	36	0	0	0	0	0	222	19,268
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	83
Kenya	25	4	29	0	0	0	0	0	201	4,778
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Korea, North	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
Korea, South	393	495	888	22	74	0	0	96	5,771	77,203
Kuwait	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	116	3,939
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	18
Laos	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	26	4,087
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	146
Lebanon	4	7	11	1	0	0	0	1	406	25,146
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Liberia	28	3	31	0	0	0	0	0	184	2,865
Libya	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	275
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	413
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	9	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	44	1,267
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	74
Malawi	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	265
Malaysia	10	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	255	5,495
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	47
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	209
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mauritius	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	171
Mexico	110	213	323	3	1	0	0	4	4,014	1,050,823
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Moldova	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	212
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13
Morocco	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	168	1,916
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	237
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Nepal	9	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	131	761
Netherlands	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	5	121	545
Aruba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	108

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Netherlands Antilles	1	33	54	21	144	253	0	0	3	3	6
New Zealand	25	60	62	81	203	431	75	4	40	9	49
Cook Islands	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicaragua	239	5,315	5,196	609	5,427	16,786	7	5	187	342	529
Niger	0	3	1	0	15	19	3	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	192	2,251	1,556	66	3,593	7,658	37	102	373	49	422
Norway	19	42	50	41	83	235	20	11	15	6	21
Oman	1	5	3	5	25	39	2	0	0	2	2
Pakistan	28	6,841	6,543	2,142	38,968	54,522	60	204	306	77	383
Palau	0	3	0	0	13	16	0	0	0	0	0
Panama	187	695	1,198	387	3,412	5,879	5	3	18	41	59
Papua New Guinea	0	3	0	0	9	12	0	2	0	0	0
Paraguay	6	172	125	11	277	591	3	1	18	95	113
Peru	464	4,936	9,358	1,560	14,355	30,673	57	31	317	487	804
Philippines	57,658	23,866	46,381	158,619	272,149	558,673	168	2,130	9,763	2,197	11,960
Poland	995	10,156	5,489	21,780	19,088	57,508	84	58	1,216	461	1,677
Portugal	22	650	651	161	10,550	12,034	11	1	378	287	665
Macau	4	43	225	66	3,306	3,644	3	6	8	8	16
Qatar	0	91	97	1	69	258	1	1	7	0	7
Romania	73	806	486	693	3,696	5,754	40	53	197	28	225
Russia	46	834	321	246	444	1,891	496	228	146	33	179
Rwanda	0	4	3	0	4	11	3	0	6	0	6
Saint Kitts and Nevis	125	247	1,046	125	1,583	3,126	0	1	0	17	17
Saint Lucia	82	378	775	64	1,154	2,453	3	1	6	68	74
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	155	281	665	140	1,167	2,408	0	0	9	126	135
Samoa	41	173	101	107	789	1,211	0	0	0	0	0
San Marino	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0	9	1	0	3	13	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	5	188	234	49	403	879	8	14	11	0	11
Senegal	0	199	73	23	96	391	0	3	3	21	24
Serbia-Montenegro	24	495	464	465	3,449	4,897	67	49	127	51	178
Seychelles	2	2	8	6	78	96	3	0	0	1	1
Sierra Leone	109	521	456	57	674	1,817	5	2	55	92	147
Singapore	1	82	144	45	1,023	1,295	27	9	24	12	36
Slovakia	7	102	27	139	115	390	1	5	16	5	21
Slovenia	2	3	8	4	23	40	2	4	2	0	2
Solomon Islands	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Somalia	12	334	203	27	151	727	2	6	3	3	6
South Africa	26	146	408	167	2,469	3,216	142	47	263	44	307
Spain	10	212	115	69	681	1,087	54	14	37	32	69
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	10	207	416	161	2,557	3,351	11	23	105	143	248
Sudan	6	147	94	9	298	554	6	11	24	0	24
Suriname	13	68	76	33	185	375	1	0	5	31	36
Swaziland	0	0	3	0	9	12	0	0	1	0	1
Sweden	20	119	159	43	157	498	211	38	68	26	94
Switzerland	9	67	56	26	196	354	65	12	29	7	36
Syria	56	1,202	3,243	763	8,509	13,773	23	164	396	47	443
Tajikistan	0	7	5	0	5	17	1	0	1	0	1
Tanzania	7	71	186	41	1,779	2,084	6	21	7	13	20

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FSC Name	4th	4th Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Empl. Creation	5th Targeted Empl. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Preference Grand Total
Netherlands Antilles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	259
New Zealand	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	140	571
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicaragua	23	38	61	0	0	0	0	0	602	17,388
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22
Nigeria	98	81	179	0	0	0	0	0	740	8,398
Norway	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	54	289
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	43
Pakistan	39	31	70	0	0	0	0	0	717	55,239
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Panama	70	11	81	0	0	0	0	0	148	6,027
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Paraguay	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	128	719
Peru	4	17	21	1	0	0	0	1	914	31,587
Philippines	321	159	480	2	1	0	0	3	14,741	573,414
Poland	21	185	206	0	0	0	0	0	2,025	59,533
Portugal	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	679	12,713
Macau	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	4	30	3,674
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	267
Romania	28	69	97	1	0	0	0	1	416	6,170
Russia	4	19	23	2	14	0	0	16	942	2,833
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	20
Saint Kitts and Nevis	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	22	3,148
Saint Lucia	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	82	2,535
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	6	27	33	0	0	0	0	0	168	2,576
Samoa	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,213
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Saudi Arabia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	913
Senegal	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	31	422
Serbia-Montenegro	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	308	5,205
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	100
Sierra Leone	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	169	1,986
Singapore	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	76	1,371
Slovakia	12	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	42	432
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	48
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Somalia	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	19	746
South Africa	31	11	42	2	0	0	0	2	540	3,756
Spain	13	8	21	0	0	0	0	0	158	1,245
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	289	3,640
Sudan	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	48	602
Suriname	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	39	414
Swaziland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Sweden	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	346	844
Switzerland	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	119	473
Syria	8	19	27	0	0	0	0	0	657	14,430
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
Tanzania	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	51	2,135

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	Family Preferences						Employment Preferences				
FSC Name	1st	2A	2B	3rd	4th	Family Preference Total	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd Other Workers	3rd Total
Thailand	100	1,033	1,811	188	4,936	8,068	1	16	193	101	294
Togo	0	21	5	0	40	66	4	1	0	5	5
Tonga	9	456	284	97	1,596	2,442	0	0	0	9	9
Trinidad and Tobago	832	3,112	4,850	2,154	15,358	26,306	15	26	226	1,401	1,627
Tunisia	0	32	26	5	90	153	4	1	1	1	2
Turkey	8	497	429	103	1,911	2,948	44	21	151	34	185
Turkmenistan	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	3
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Uganda	7	165	128	73	1,966	2,339	12	14	35	23	58
Ukraine	41	716	245	246	419	1,667	86	50	56	28	84
United Arab Emirates	3	100	56	26	124	309	8	11	19	1	20
Uruguay	22	139	196	57	545	959	20	5	39	17	56
Uzbekistan	9	52	60	15	81	217	13	5	23	0	23
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	105	815	795	356	1,279	3,350	95	11	71	25	96
Vietnam	735	9,917	10,952	5,583	48,210	75,397	10	13	70	19	89
Yemen	1,685	1,508	791	2,137	1,575	7,696	1	1	7	1	8
Zambia	0	49	64	33	496	642	1	1	3	5	8
Zimbabwe	7	57	76	40	478	658	18	23	32	0	32
Grand Totals	**93,376**	**1,052,270**	**578,351**	**312,200**	**1,502,233**	**3,538,430**	**11,405**	**9,527**	**35,030**	**21,834**	**56,864**

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Employment Preferences

FSC Name	4th	4th Religious Workers	4th Total	5th Empl. Creation	5th Targeted Empl. Areas	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Preference Grand Total
Thailand	15	13	28	0	0	0	0	0	339	8,407
Togo	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	14	80
Tonga	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	16	2,458
Trinidad and Tobago	89	246	335	0	0	0	0	0	2,003	28,309
Tunisia	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	15	168
Turkey	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	257	3,205
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Uganda	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	93	2,432
Ukraine	15	42	57	0	0	0	0	0	277	1,944
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	348
Uruguay	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	90	1,049
Uzbekistan	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	43	260
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	25	17	42	0	0	0	0	0	244	3,594
Vietnam	35	24	59	0	0	0	0	0	171	75,568
Yemen	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	23	7,719
Zambia	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	16	658
Zimbabwe	8	0	8	0	1	0	0	1	82	740
Grand Totals	**2,766**	**3,405**	**6,171**	**141**	**359**	**0**	**0**	**500**	**84,467**	**3,622,897**

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